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Henderson, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 3rd, with enclosures, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city; however, you may be sure I will bring it to his attention upon his return. I know he would want to thank you for sending this material to him.

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Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Henderson, Texas
Feb. 3, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inclosed is letter that will be mailed to all
Senators, and Representatives in Washington, D. C.

Was told by Rev. Parson of First Presbyter-
air Church U.S. - 408 No. Marshall Henderson, Texas, that
if I wrote letters to my representatives in Washington, D. C.,
I would be investigated.

I want to save the Federal Government, and the
taxpayers some money. It doesn't look like President Johnson
is going to save any thing for us.

So you will not have to investigate me.

But it might be a good idea to watch Rev. Parsons.

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he was giving a talk about Communism. He did not say one thing
bad about Communism.

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Another one to watch is [redacted]
[redacted], Henderson, Texas Telephone 4398.

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The people in America have been educating their children for one hundred years with out Federal Aid.

Federal Aid is just a force to bring in Communism to the United States.

My name is [redacted]
Henderson Tex. I am a member of the Eastern Star, Wistena Chapter 823 Beaumont, Texas.

I am a member of First Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas.

I belong to no other organization, but the Eastern Star.

You may have my telephone number which is 2558 in Henderson, Texas.

Regardless of what other's think, I will talk against Federal Aid to our Churches, schools, and Colleges.

I oppose Federal Control of any kind, and do not approve of Communism in any form.

Thank you Mr. Hoover.

Sincerely,

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Henderson, Texas
January 30, 1964

Dear Congressman: *Senators*

We the American people oppose the plan of President Johnson to give Federal Aid to our Church Schools, Public Schools, and Colleges.

We the people want the wall of separation between Church, State, and the Federal Government. This is one of the laws of our American Constitution.

We also oppose President Johnson's plan to give Hospital Insurance to all people over 65 years old, by raising taxes on Social Security. People who now receive Old Age Pensions are getting paid hospitalization insurance in their states.

We oppose Socialized medicine in any form. All these bills are Socialistic, and will lead to Socialism and Communism.

We the people will have your voting record on 71 key issues in 1963, and will have the record for 1964. The American people put their trust in you to uphold the laws of our Constitution of America. We do hope you have not been a rubber stamp for the Communist party over the world and in America. You will be flooded with letters from the Socialists and Communists in America, asking you to pass the bills in this letter.

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by APH-FSB

We hope you will be brave and stand for the laws in the Constitution of America, and for free people, by opposing them. Is it true that in the Civil Rights Bill there is a paragraph in very small print a suggestion to appoint Attorney General Robert Kennedy the head over all Public Schools in the United States?

We the people oppose and protest the suggestion of any Federal person with the Federal Government being appointed over our Public Schools and America.

We know people in every town, city and state. They will have your voting record, upholds the Constitution of the United States.
Thank you.
Get out of Washington, D.C. Sincerely.

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At 16th National Conference

POAU urges White House denial of parochial school aid reports

by E. S. JAMES

The 16th National Conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State was held at the Rice Hotel in Houston last week. The conference was highlighted by major addresses and panel discussions.

In the closing session Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary, spoke to the subject, "The Hope of the Future." Archer pointed out that the future of the nation depends on rigid adherence to the separation principle enunciated in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

POAU was organized 16 years ago for the express purpose of rallying the defenders of religious liberty. In the scope of its work and the effectiveness of its witness, the organization has grown year after year.

Delegates from all over the nation were assembled in Houston for the two-day conference. Other major addresses were brought by C. Penrose St. Amant of New Orleans Seminary; C. Stanley Lowell, associate secretary of POAU; Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the Methodist Church; H. B. Sissel, secretary of national affairs, United Presbyterian Church; James E. Wood Jr., Baylor University; James S. Kelly, attorney of Houston; Franklin C. Salisbury, attorney of Washington, D.C.; and Jack P. Trezise, attorney of Oklahoma City.

Those attending the noon luncheon on Tuesday heard an address entitled, "We Hold These Truths," by Judge Luther A. Smith, sovereign grand commander, Scottish Rite Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, Washington, D.C.

In the meeting of the Executive Board a resolution was passed urging President Lyndon B. Johnson to deny promptly the press reports which indicated that he intends to ask for federal aid to parochial schools. The following statement by the POAU board was released to the press at the close of the session:

"Protestants and Other Americans United urges the White House to deny promptly the press report that President Johnson intends to ask for federal aid to parochial schools. The American people will not permit this country's long standing tradition of church-state separation to be scuttled. They understand that subsidies to parochial schools under any pretext are subsidies to the churches which own and control them. Such a proposal would demolish religious amity in this country,

pitting church against church and brother against brother.

"The American people — Protestant, Catholic, Jew, and unbeliever alike — should let President Johnson know that they expect him to uphold the Constitution. They should register this demand at the White House. They should do it quickly before Congress and the country are thrown into turmoil.

"Here in Houston in 1960 the late President John F. Kennedy pledged his unalterable opposition to federal aid to parochial schools. We cannot believe that this pledge would be so quickly forgotten by his party and his successor."

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2. The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and undying loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.
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Your gifts may be in **cash, property** or by provision in your will. All gifts are **deductible** items in **income tax returns**.

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We received many gifts and bequests in 1960.
Help make 1961 a banner year for our Foundation.
We will be glad to answer all inquiries about it.

DR. CLAUD F. YOUNG, 33°
Secretary

LUTHER A. SMITH, 33°
President
1733 16th St., N.W.

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Society News

Henderson Daily News

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SOCIETY EDITOR

CHURCH NEWS

TURNERTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Helen Tisdale Circle of the Turnertown Baptist Church was called to order by the circle chairman, Mrs. M. Dallas. The Calendar of Prayer was read by Mrs. Edwin Worrell.

Mrs. B. M. Battles presented the Missions Study lesson with the assistance of Mrs. Joe Newton, Mrs. Worrell, Mrs. Ray Choate, Mrs. Dallas and Mrs. H. A. Yawn. The program leader then explained the organization, growth and mission of the Home Mission Board. She told of the Seven Point program, its adoption and correlation. Mrs. Ira Goodwin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Present for the meeting were Mrs. E. J. Phillips, hostess, Mrs. Choate, Mrs. C. C. Wilson,

Mrs. Yawn, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Dallas, Mrs. Worrell, Mrs. Ira Goodwin and Mrs. Battles.

TATUM BAPTIST

Circle No. 1, of the First Baptist Church met this week in the home of Mrs. Mary J. Flanagan as hostess for a Refreshment Service program.

A refreshment plate was served to Mrs. Effie Bromley, Mrs. W. M. Whitlow, Mrs. R. Shaw, Mrs. L. P. Findley, Mrs. E. B. Pierce and the hostess.

TATUM WMS

Members of Circle No. 2 of the First Baptist Church met Monday in the home of Mr. Jimmy Allen. The Home Mission book was used for the study and Mrs. Paul Rogers gave the lesson.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Maxie Johns, Mrs. V. C. Miller, Mrs. O. W. Matthews, Mrs. Paul Rogers, and hostess.

Mrs. Joe Martin Sr. left Friday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Clifton Linton of Henderson.

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Enterprise



Mrs. A. J. Richard of Waco is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coon and family.

By Mrs.
Dick
Matlock
Phone
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Dr. Bert Woods Pilot Speaker

Dr. Bert E. Woods, local otometrist, was the guest speaker at the Thursday night meeting of the Pilot Club, held in the Cooper Room of Jay's Circle Restaurant. He was presented by Mrs. Virgil Smith, chairman of the community service committee of the group.

The meeting was opened with the group repeating the Lord's prayer in unison. Mrs. C. Ellis was in charge of the business session which followed the meal.

One new member, Mr. Frank Bain, was welcomed into the organization. Visitors who were present for the Thursday night meeting included Mr. Sam Reeves, Mrs. Ed Dorse,

Tatum Area



By Mrs.
Julian
Vincent
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Mrs. Aggie Valdwell of McAllen, sister of H. H. Wynne, is visiting in the Wynne home for a few days.

Vilace Nail has been appointed by Rusk County Chairman Tom Perryman for the Tatum area on the January March of Dimes Campaign. Nail will

Teen Chairman Thanks Public For Assistance

"Our March of Dimes Hootenanny was one of the most exciting entertainment events ever produced in Rusk County, and the people of our area deserve all the credit," said Miss Pat Sanders Tuesday in reporting on the success of the Saturday night Hootenanny.

The event netted \$307 for the Polio Campaign and its winners have been invited to participate on the March of Dimes Telethon from the Tyler TV station Saturday night.

"Everyone who was contacted was more than helpful," Miss

Daily News

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Parochial Schools In LBJ's Aid Plan Depressed Areas

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By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson will propose federal aid for both public and parochial schools in depressed areas as part of his "war on poverty," it was learned today. Inclusion of parochial schools in the new aid program may stir the same kind of religious controversy that the late President John F. Kennedy encountered when he sought federal grants for public schools on the rates of unemployment, school dropouts, and by local capita income and educational attainment.

Allocation Of Grants
The federal grants would go to projects undertaken by state agencies, or local educational agencies, or by public or private institutions, or non-profit organizations, or parochial schools. The U. S. Education Department would be responsible for the distribution of the grants.

MARXIST RELIGION (Human Events-Oct.12, 1963)

Because they despise the Church, the Communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations. What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for their programs than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of the Communists to get others to front for them and do their dirty work cannot be underestimated. J. Edgar Hoover

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Birmingham, Alabama 35211

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 12, 1964, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Further, I do not know of any source to which I may direct you in order to obtain the information you have requested.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

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I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent and [REDACTED] are not identifiable in Bufiles. We have enjoyed cordial relations with the Concordia Publishing House which is controlled by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

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February 12, 1964

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Birmingham, Alabama
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Communism in Religion

Gentlemen: Communism Infiltration into Religion

I am a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, whose headquarters are in St. Louis, Missouri. There are a number of us that feel that Communism has taken a hold in some parts of our Synod.

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Is there any way in which we can check to see if Communism is at work in our Synod? Can you give us any information on this or direct us to some source that could help us in this matter.

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I have seen a booklet "Communism In Our Churches" put out by Christian Beacon Press of an address delivered in March 22, 1958 by J. B. Matthews of the UnAmerican Activities. Is there anything more up-to-date on this subject.

Can you give me any information as to [redacted]
[redacted] of the St. Paul Lutheran Church has any connections with Communism?

We feel that Communism is a big problem and threat and unless it is halted in our churches, our churches and country will fall.

Please, if you have any information that can be of help to us let us have it or refer us to someone who can help us. Your prompt attention and cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Birmingham, Alabama

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[Redacted]
Union Springs, Alabama

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 18, 1964, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret we are unable to help you but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may be interested in knowing that the FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Enclosed is literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
4/1/61 LEB Introduction

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles and Bufiles contain no record concerning "Things You Should Know About Subversive Influences In Methodism."
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Communist Infiltration into Religion

J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire
Chief of the Division of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

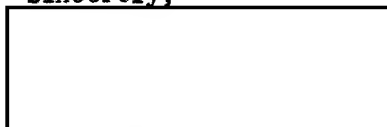
I am an official in the Methodist Church and, for some time, have been disturbed by the alarming trend toward one-worldism. I am under the impression the communists have infiltrated the religious way of life. If you have any information pertinent to this subject, would you be so kind as to send it to me; or, tell me where I can secure it. *e*

Our church congregation has withdrawn from the parent Methodist Church because of its' affiliation with the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, which we think are subversive.

I would like to know if you are familiar with the book *Things You Should Know About Subversive Influences In Methodism*". This book was written by a panel of laymen at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Thanking you in advance for your reply.

Sincerely,



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John Brown University
Siloam Springs, Arkansas

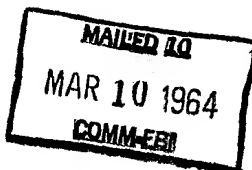
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1964, has been received and it was indeed thoughtful of you to bring your views to my attention.

Enclosed is some information which I trust will be of interest to you. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communism, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)
Faith in Freedom
Counterintelligence Activities
One Nation's Response to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bufiles contain no record of the film, "Communism and Liberalism in the Churches."

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Dear Sir:

I am sure that you are familiar with the film, and I just wanted to say that it was an excellent picture. It was well-received by the students here, and one that I feel should be shown in all colleges across the country.

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Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely yours,

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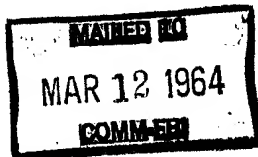
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear 

Your letter of March 8, 1964, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information pertaining to the organization you mentioned.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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4/1/61 LEB Intro
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8 March 1964

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Edgar J. Hoover, Director of F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RELIGION

Do you have any record or report of Communist infiltration into the ~~church~~ of the Bretheren"?

I am very much concerned. Recent visits here to the local church of the Bretheren by people representing the head of the "church" have gave me reason to believe, to say the least that they are Communist sympathizers; by makeing statements in favor of communist Russia and in disfavor of our government

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Please reply as soon as possible. I repeat, I am deeply Concerned. Am looking forward to your immediate reply, which will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

P. S. If you do have such a record please state names, & their addresses, as proof to show to the local congregation.

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Klamath Falls, Oregon

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March 25, 1964

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Westminster Presbyterian Church
3900 Harding Road
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 20th and I want you to know how much I appreciate your kind comment regarding my work.

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March 20, 1964

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall that some years ago various reactionary groups in America were bitterly attacking the Protestant churches throughout the country, charging that the churches and the clergy were saturated with communism. At that time you were quoted as saying that you had great confidence in the clergy insofar as their patriotic loyalty was concerned. I seem to remember also that you stated that the churches in America were one of our strongest bulwarks against communism.

If you still feel so inclined to make these statements and are willing to repeat them, you have no idea how encouraging they would be to thousands of churches and ministers, as well as dedicated, patriotic laymen, especially in the South. The same groups are on the march again, spreading discord and hatred and dissension.

When President Kennedy was assassinated, I had hoped that this terrible crime would be so chastening to the conscience of our Southern citizenry that many of these hate-mongering organizations would die. But such has not been the case; new ones seem to be spawned every day, and with plenty of money to promulgate their plans. And, because they are so far removed from the Spirit of Christ in character, I suppose it is only to be expected that they should vent their spleen upon churches and clergymen and a host of Christian laymen who are as vitally opposed to communism as they are, but who deplore their vicious tactics. The mails are literally loaded with anti-race, anti-labor, anti-government, anti-church (except their particular brand), and anti-everything literature.

So, I come to the point of this letter. We Southern ministers and laymen need your help. Would it be possible within the near future for you to make a public statement as a Christian layman, encouraging the churches and all the people in them who are working so hard to teach and preach

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the kind of Christianity that is relevant to the bitter tensions of our day, that our country may be protected from both internal and external perils? There is not a man in Washington, or in America for that matter, who could possibly do this so effectively and with such far reaching influence as you, Mr. Hoover.

Please be assured that I do not make this request out of any deep personal distress. Fortunately, I have a congregation of almost two thousand members who work and worship and think and live together happily. I write out of great love for my country, and out of deep sorrow at the sight of the moral and spiritual wreckage that hate and distrust are causing in the lives of many people.

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Assuring you of my great personal respect, and boundless appreciation of the magnificent job you have done and continue to do, I am

Sincerely,

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St. Louis, Missouri

Dear

I have received your letter of March 20th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that my future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

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I admire the courage of J. Edgar Hoover and believe him to be a loyal American and a Christian.

Please send any information received since 1962.

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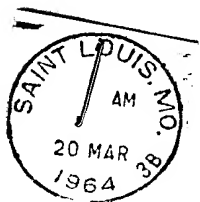
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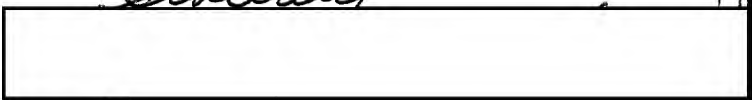
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Sylmar, California 91342

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Spokane, Washington 99203

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 18th has been received and it is a pleasure to forward to you, under separate cover, copies of the literature you requested as well as other material I hope will be of interest to you.

In response to your inquiry, statements made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan during his public appearances in 1961 are still valid today since nothing has happened which would alter the over-all threat communism presents to our Nation. I am unable to comment regarding the United Church of Christ or the National Council of Churches specifically since information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Please do not infer that we do or do not have data pertaining to these organizations.

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

*sent 3/27/64
per E.S.*

NOTE: Correspondent wrote in 1961 relative to an article by Louis Cassels which quoted Assistant Director William C. Sullivan regarding communism in the churches. The Director's reply to correspondent dated 6-29-61 pointed out that our churches have been and will continue to be targets of communism and stated that Mr. Sullivan dealt with the subject of communism accurately and objectively in his talks.

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Spokane, Washington
 March 18, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover,

In June 1961 you were kind enough to answer my inquiry regarding the report of Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan as presented by Louis Cassels in the New York World Telegram and Sun, Saturday, April 29, 1961 under the heading "FBI: WIDE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN CHURCHES A 'FALSEHOOD'."

In your letter you stated, "In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively."

Our large local Congregational church has been attacked and divided by those who label the United Church of Christ and the National Council of Churches as Communistic.

My question at this time is: Does the report of Inspector Sullivan hold today as it did in 1961? I do not find that they, the dissenting group, have any criticisms or accusations which had not already been made at the time of this statement.

We all appreciate your contribution to the library and bibliographies of materials for the study of Communism, your two books--"Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism", and the many fine articles found in current magazines. How fortunate we are to have a man of your stature and character in such a vital position.

For our church groups to study I like especially the series from Christianity Today (June 22, 1959) "Communism, the Bitter Enemy of Religion," and "The Communist Menace", October 10 and 24 and November 7, 1960. Would additional copies of these be available? They speak directly to church members. Or if they are not available, would there be something of similar nature of a more recent date? I cannot believe the problem has changed in these three years. We are just suffering from a new attack of the same virus!

Most sincerely,

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*Edgar Methodist Church
Route 1, Box 134
Chrisman, Illinois

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 26th has been received.

In response to your inquiry about Presidential Executive Orders, it is not appropriate for me to comment along the lines you have suggested.

With respect to my statement you quoted, I am enclosing a copy of a page from my testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947. As you will see, the quotation you mentioned is included in my remarks which were intended to emphasize the danger of our citizens failing to recognize the threat of communism. As you have repeated it, it is out of context and in a manner which does not convey my full meaning.

Concerning ministers who are communists, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons. ✓

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Dear Sir:

I have been alarmed concerning the presidents executive orders. I have been informed that these orders become law fifteen days after publication. The executive orders I have read are numbers 10995, 10999, 11000, 11001, 11002, 11003, 11004, 11005, and 110051. I find that these laws have by passed our law making bodies. The legislative branch of the Federal government have not formally scrutinized them.

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I would like to know why this is possible, and if you are in agreement with this procedure? Sir, would you please send me all information concerning the subject mentioned.

I have heard that a large number of ministers are communists, and are teaching the communists doctrines from the pulpit. A few years ago you made a statement as to whether communist ministers are a real danger. And I quote, 'I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism.' I would like to know the precentage of ministers that are communists today. Sir, would you please send me all information concerning this subject.

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Sincerely,

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 6, 1964

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: "COMMUNISM AND THE CHURCHES,"
By Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.
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Enclosed is a copy of the South Carolina Methodist publication, "Advocate." This issue of March 26, 1964, carries the above-captioned article by Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. In this article he refers very favorably to the Director's books, Masters of Deceit and A Study of Communism, and compliments the Director highly.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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The Role Of The Church In Times Of Estrangement

By

G. W. McVicker, Jr.

The author of this article is a resident of North Augusta, S. C. He is a member of the Official Board of Grace Church, and has taught the older youth of the church in Sunday School.

The devotional was given at a recent official board meeting.

These thoughts were selected from devotionals by Ted Brown and Kyle Haselden in October-December, 1963, issue of POWER.

Scripture John 3: 16-21

Down through the ages God has been speaking to man. Sometimes this Word has come directly through others, such as prophets and messengers. But then finally this Word became flesh and dwelt in our very midst. Perhaps we had had a hard time understanding the Word before, but now no longer! It was incarnate in human life, and the message came through loud and clear (whether we wanted to listen or not)! Did we want to know what God meant by love, forgiveness, kindness, patience — or by real manhood or personhood? All we had to do now was to look to Jesus!

The love of God was demonstrated by Jesus. He loved the loveless — the callous soldiers who put Him to death, the Samaritans who rejected Him, the disciple who betrayed Him, the men who plotted His death. Such love is authentic. This is required of us. He loved the lovelorn — the tax collector, the woman taken in adultery, "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," the stranger and the alien. In loving the social outcasts He revealed that He loved all people. This must be true of us. He loved the unlovable — those whose repulsive filth and disease, and wickedness offended every aesthetic taste. This proved the genuineness of His love. This must be true of us. Christian love stands or falls by its response to the loveless, the lovelorn, and the unlovable.

We are Christ's Body. And because

we are, God calls us continue making incarnate His Word. We are to live out our lives in the midst of others — not in ivory towers, but in the fiery furnaces of life where the cries of race and clan and selfish strife are heard, and where the give-and-take of everyday life takes place. We are to be God's word of love, forgiveness, kindness, and patience in the flesh! We are to be clear channel stations — outposts of the Kingdom — set in the midst of life's battles.

God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. And God sent the Church into the world for the same reason! We are to be the agents not of God's condemnation but of God's salvation. We are to leave the first to the wrath of God. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord." But the second is very

much our concern. We are to be clear and open channels so that God's saving power and forgiving love can flow through us, reconciling all men.

What does this say about the role of the Church in times of estrangement — in situations of racial tension, international conflict, or any instance of alienation? The Church is to be above divisions of race, clan, and nation — in the world but not of the world. It is the one fellowship in our world which gives evidence already that the kingdom is here now. And as it shows the kind of love that cannot be destroyed by hatred or selfishness, then it truly becomes God's channel of salvation.

PRAYER: Father, deliver us from pettiness. Help us to understand genuine love. Make us channels of salvation as we undertake Thy work in Thy Church. Amen.

Death Is Subject In Special Issue Of Student Magazine

Death is the subject of a special issue of *Motive*, magazine of the Methodist Student Movement, published in Nashville.

Combining its January and February issues into one, the monthly publication for Methodist college students has articles on the subject by ministers, theologians, a psychiatrist, authors, a film critic, poets and others.

Among the articles are "Preaching Death," by J. A. T. Robinson, author of the book, "Honest to God"; "Life After Death," by John C. High† pastor of Glendale Methodist Church, Nashville; "The Eternal theologian Paul Tillich."

Film, and the Future," by film critic Robert Steele; and "The American Way of Death," an interview with Jessica Mitford, author of the book by that name.

"The reality of death," as it is pinged upon our lives, is a dramatic ever said B. J. Stilwell, editor. "The paper is offered as an exhortation of all including death."

Laymen's Overseas Service Expands In Second Year World Ministry

LAOS (Laymen's Overseas Service) has begun its second year of ministry to the world. This new organization, which challenges laymen from all vocations to answer a call for short-term service on some mission field, has set up its own office after having been sheltered by the Jackson (Mississippi) District Methodist Board of Lay Activities during its formative months.

A Pilot Program with the Bolivian Methodist Church, in which ten self-supporting volunteers gave from 3-7 months each, was adjudged a success by the steering committee of LAOS, Methodist personnel in Bolivia, and the volunteers themselves. That the idea underlying Laymen's Overseas Service is both workable and practical has been accepted by its sponsors.

Expansion is now the keyword for future planning.

The expansion is taking place in two directions. Fields of service seeking volunteers other than Bolivia, now include Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Pakistan, Congo, Iran, Nepal, India and Honduras with others expected shortly. Initial volunteers represented five denominations and the LAOS program is under consideration at present by eight other denominations or organizations overseas.

Requests for volunteers run the gamut from Agriculturists and Anesthesiologists to Zoologists, though there are more in the medical and educational fields than all others combined. One unique facet of the LAOS program, "OPERATION 30 DAYS," encourages doctors and dentists to volunteer for a month's service on the field necessitating only six weeks or less actual absence from practice. What might seem routine service stateside has all the makings of a miracle when performed on a field where no such service is available or personnel is limited.

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Founder-Director Bob Kochitzky is spending the winter months covering many sections of the U.S. He is interested in speaking engagements to local church, civic or professional groups, as well as Laymen's Conferences. Interested persons may write to him for further information at *Laymen's Overseas Service, 321 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.*

Trinity Revival

Revival services at Trinity Methodist Church on the Cross Anchor Charge, Cross Anchor, will begin on Sunday, March 29, 1964, at 7:30 P. M., and continue each evening at the same time through Friday, April 3.

The Rev. Gene Couch, pastor of the Green Pond Charge, will be the guest minister for these services. The Rev. H. Alvin Spradley is pastor and will lead the singing.

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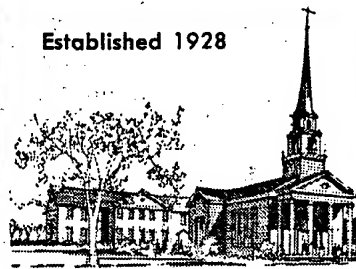
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Views and Review

A. McKAY BRABHAM, Jr.

Sin And Salvation

In the nature of things, persons who have experienced Christian conversion find themselves in a constant struggle to maintain a moral society which values human worth and desires the well-being of all people.

Yet Christians in whom Christ lives as He is proclaimed at Easter will ever be aware that far more than laws and their enforcement will be needed to stem the tide of today's racial hatred, crime, and immorality, with their ultimate wreckage of our society through anarchy and totalitarian dominance.

They will believe that only a radical re-direction of humanity through a transformation of people by the power of God in Jesus Christ will do the job.

But these same Christians, this Easter, will be aware of how far the multitudes of us have strayed from, or never come to, an understanding of what it means to say that "Christ died for all."

This was clearly revealed in the aftermath of the assassination of President Kennedy, in the debates which engaged the nation's people.

Public and private discussion showed an almost complete lack of a capacity to differentiate between the idea of "collective guilt" as a theological concept and "collective guilt" as a political or social manifestation of an overt act on the part of a nation.

And so when the effort was made in some quarters to lead the nation to repentance for our corporate sinfulness and renewal of our common life in a spirit of redemption, it was met with angry outcries and denial of responsibility. In some quarters, the rebuttal continues even yet.

Historians and political scientists will evaluate November 22 in years to come.

Today, the follower of Christ need to know that that day revealed a tragic spiritual condition among us — for if men know nothing of the theological concept of "collective guilt" how far must they be from truly understanding the Person and the Work of a Savior who died to free all men from sin?

To say that "Christ Lives" is meaningless jargon to a world that knows nothing of the nature of sin that alienates man from His Maker and appears to care even less.

Easter Greetings

It was six years ago that Dot and I were in the Holy Land. It is difficult to forget the first glimpse of the city of Old Jerusalem, with its ancient walls, its narrow and dirty streets and its crass commercialization. There was something repelling about it all — and then I realized that it was like that during the first Holy Week! The streets were as narrow and dirty, perhaps more so, and the crowds were fair game for every commercial hawker. Yet here was enacted the greatest drama that man ever witnessed or recorded. Along those narrow walks Jesus carried the cross and

on a hill known as the Place of the Skull He was crucified. In a nearby tomb He was buried. On the third day the stone was rolled away and He walked in the garden, calling the name of Mary and bringing fresh faith and hope to all mankind. Easter is Victory, victory over death, evil, environment and circumstance. And that victory, by faith, can be ours too. May it be a glorious day for all of us!

Paul Hardin Jr.

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EASTER MORNING

EASTER PRAYER

Arlone Mills Dreher

Moncks Corner, S. C.

'Tis Sabbath morn, a golden day
Abreath with spring and sun,
With gilding fingertips of dawn,
With colors gently spun.

Arisen from the Cross the Christ,
Ascended from the Earth,
Arisen until judgment Day
To wait for our Rebirth.

His message, still unspoken, lives,
His wordless prayer rings clear.
We feel His presence everywhere
And know that He is Near.

Today the Easter Morn awakes
With beauty's robe adorned,
And we do homage to the Chirst
Who years ago was scorned.

We thank Thee, Lord, for Thy Dear Son,
Who suffered here below,
To guide us in the way of Truth —
To lead where we should go.

We thank Thee, Lord, for all we have;
For every joy and tear —
For every dream that we have dreamed,
For every doubt and fear.

For every doubt and every dream
Give strength and faith in Thee,
And lead us closer in His steps
So we may walk as Free.

PASTORATES - Long and Short

By

Melvin K. Medlock

There was a time when two years was a long term for a Methodist minister. Then came the day when the General Conference set four years as the limit with an additional year being allowed in certain unusual cases. Now one is appointed for one year and reappointed or moved at the end of each year at the discretion of the Bishop and the cabinet.

There are cases where one year is far too long and the church suffers and sometimes the minister suffers because of this very long year. Some ministers don't fit into the pattern in certain churches. Mr. Amos didn't seem to suit Bethel and was urged to move along. The cabinet (tell it not in Gath!) and the bishop have been known to make mistakes. I even made one! When I told the bishop I had made a mistake in recommending a certain move, he said, "When the wheel goes around again, I will help you to correct it." And he did. When the DS needs the bishop, he needs him desperately.

While the length of a man's term in a charge may be too long, it is more often too short. It is no credit to conference when one-third of the preachers move every year, especially when our congregations are on the move as they are today when one in five families moves every year. People do not let a new minister help them as they need to be helped. "A stranger will they not follow." It takes a long

time to know people, to learn their names and faces, and the better one knows them the better he can preach to them, counsel with them and lead them. Great churches are seldom built by a rapid turnover in pastors, and laymen and ministers must learn that our problems are not always solved by moving vans.

Let our ministers make long-range plans. We keep our ministers on edge and year after year plans cannot be made for the summer months for the numeral 4, 5 or 6 appears after the preacher's name in the minutes. Moves should be made only as they are determined necessary for the good of men and the church and not simply to keep the wheel turning. Let the minister not be a "Restless Rufus" and let the laymen realize that it is not a credit to a church when the minister must move every year or two.

When I was on the district, a man called me to come to see him at the hospital where he was dying. He said, "Last year I put pressure on you to move my minister at the end of the second year. You were right in not doing what several of us wanted done. Please promise me that you will recommend at the coming conference that he be returned for another year, for this has been his best and next year will be better." And it was! Turning over the fruit basket may be fun for some ministers and laymen, but too often it is an exercise in futility.

Myrtle Beach Layman Establishes Scholarship

Mr. Sam P. Gardner, a member of this church since coming to Myrtle Beach in 1937, has delivered to the Trustees of the church, and made the church the owner of, an insurance policy which establishes a perpetual fund to provide scholarships for young men of this church who enter college and seminary to study for the ministry of The Methodist Church. To be known as the Sam P. Gardner and Mae C. Gardner Scholarship, the fund will provide a minimum award of \$800 annually without reducing the amount of the principal.

"Mr. Sam" has long been an ardent supporter of our Ministry and

Church at large, and, as one man said when he learned of this latest contribution, "This is the kind of thing you just expect Sam Gardner to do." A graduate of Wofford College, he was last year presented the coveted Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in recognition of his service to the college and its program.

For years to come, because of his generosity, young men of this church who feel called of God to the ministry will be enabled to answer that call. It's a thrilling thing, to be pastor of a church in which are laymen like "Mr. Sam."—Bulletin, Myrtle Beach Methodist Church, the Rev. M. D. Moore, pastor.

Columbia District Summary Report

A summary of district activities by the superintendent of the Columbia district, Dr. F. T. Cunningham at the end of the third quarter, shows a total of 376 baptisms, 871 removals from the membership rolls, and 1090 additions for a net gain of 220 members for the nine months period.

There are 26,121 members listed in the churches of the district. 478 persons are enrolled in membership classes, and pastors estimate a net gain for the year of 800.

Several churches have completed building projects during the year and others are now in progress.

Completed buildings are at Platt Springs (educational building); Trinity, Blythewood (new sanctuary and educational building); Red Bank (parsonage). Bethel, Columbia (new sanctuary and office wing).

Construction is underway at St. John's, Aiken (new educational building and additional educational facilities); Trenholm Road, Columbia, (new educational building); Trinity, Columbia, (new parsonage).

Several projects are in the planning stage:

In Columbia are Asbury Memorial (new educational building); Hicks Memorial (relocated education-sanctuary; to be renamed St. Luke's); Main Street (new educational building); Mill Creek (new education-sanctuary, relocated); Rehobeth (new sanctuary-educational building).

Also Union, Irmo (new sanctuary and education wing); Boiling Springs (new parsonage).

Those which have dedicated buildings are Gilbert (new sanctuary); Bethlehem, Saluda Ct. (new education building); Shady Grove (new educational building); Red Bank (new parsonage).

Bulletin Board

Bethel Church, Columbia, held the opening service in its new sanctuary, seating 528, on Sunday, March 22, with Dr. Francis T. Cunningham, district superintendent, preaching the sermon . . . Dr. L. P. Hollis, of Greenville, was the speaker at the March meeting of the Trinity Church, Spartanburg, Men's Club.

WSCS NEWS

Bigham Will Be WSCS Sumter Speaker

Missionary To Brazil On Friday Program For April 1, 2, 3, Annual Meeting At Trinity

The Rev. William C. Bigham, a native of Union County, North Carolina, and a missionary to Brazil, will address the 24th annual meeting of the South Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

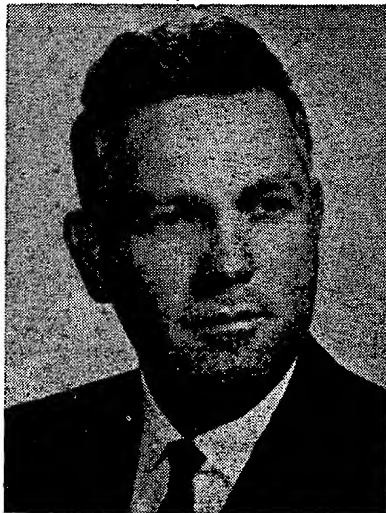
The Rev. Mr. Bigham is to speak on Friday, April 3, at the 9 o'clock morning service.

The annual meeting will convene at Trinity Church, Sumter, on April 1. Registration is at 6:30 P. M., and the organ meditation in the church begins at 7:15. The opening service is at 7:30, with Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, president, presiding.

Following the business of the evening, the assembly will partake of the Holy Communion. Dr. George S. Duffie, pastor of Trinity, will officiate. He will be assisted by the Rev. C. W. Allen, the Rev. James Holden, the Rev. Harry Mays and the Rev. J. Ross Johnson, all of Sumter.

The Rev. Mr. Bigham and his family are supported on the mission field by Main Street Methodist Church of Columbia.

Mr. Bigham is a graduate of High Point College and Duke Divinity School. He was pastor in North Carolina from 1955-58, and first



W. O. Bigham

sailed to Brazil February 26, 1959. He and his family have recently returned from Jundiá, Brazil, where they organized and built a Methodist Church. After a year, they will return.

Mrs. Bigham is the former Martha Ann Eury. They have three sons, Alex, David, and Joseph. Their present address is 1211 Elwell Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.

In Memoriam

Mrs. J. N. Bates

We, the members of Slater Methodist Church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to pay tribute and respect to a most gracious person, Mrs. J. N. Bates, who passed away on October 15, 1963.

"Mother Bates," as she was affectionately known to all, was a faithful member of her church and Sunday school and a devoted member of the WSCS.

We feel that her passing has left an emptiness; but she would not want us to mourn as those who have no hope, but to take courage and grasp the torch and hold it high as she so faithfully served with love and devotion.

We extend to her family and friends our love and sympathy. We request a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, a copy to the Methodist Advocate of which she was an ardent reader and supporter, and a copy be placed in the records of the church she loved so dearly.

COMMITTEE:

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Attention All Delegates to The 24th Annual Meeting S. C. Conference WSCS Sumter, April 1, 2, 3

Please note the following additional changes in the By-Laws in order to harmonize with the Constitution and By-Laws of The Woman's Division:

It is Recommended:

Insert a new phrase in the by-law on Elections in the conference society. Twenty-third Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, S. C. Conference. Page 118: Article 2: Section 6: Omit last sentence which reads, "Three of the six shall be the president, the promotion secretary and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild." Insert the following, "and, if the conference so desires, the other three representatives may be elected to serve annually on a rotating basis."

For the local society and local guild:

Page 133: Article 4: Section 1: Executive Committee: Insert additional words in first sentence following, "and the president and treasurer," it will then read, "and the president and treasurer and the coordinator of each unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local church;"

Page 139: Article 6: Section 1: Committees: Insert at the end of the first sentence, "and the coordinator;"

Page 134: Article 5: Section 5: Standing Committees: Insert a new sentence in the by-law for the Committee on Membership in the local society and the local guild:

Following the first sentence, insert this new sentence: "This committee may be a joint committee with the Wesleyan Service Guild."

Page 139: Article 6: Section 7: Committees: Add the following new sentence: "The secretary of promotion of the unit may serve as chairman of the committee. This committee may be a joint committee with the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. Herbert McAbee, Chairman
Mrs. J. H. Martin
Mrs. Stuart Collin
Committee on Constitution
and By-Laws

Communism And The Churches

By

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.

Resident Bishop, The Columbia Area, The Southeastern Jurisdiction, The Methodist Church

As we think of the crucifixion of our Lord, it is appropriate that we should give serious thought to an enemy which would happily crucify His Church.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is regarded as the greatest authority on communism in the United States. In his excellent book, *MASTERS OF DECEIT*, he writes, "Communism is the major menace of our time. Today it threatens the very existence of our Western civilization." In his equally outstanding and more recent volume, *A STUDY OF COMMUNISM*, used widely in high schools and colleges, Mr. Hoover says, "The danger which world communism presents to the free nations has not abated, if anything, it has increased."

Relating the danger of communism to religion in our Nation, Mr. Hoover has on different occasions warned our church people of the efforts of communists to "infiltrate American religious groups." In his article, "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion," Mr. Hoover continues, "The communists would like to extirpate religion You, as ministers, have a challenge to make your pulpits sound the trumpet cry of free men." Elsewhere he has declared that one communist or pro-communist in any religious organization is one too many.

I am in full agreement with every one of these statements by Mr. Hoover. This is no time in our country's history to take a soft approach toward communism or to appease communists in any way whatsoever or to give them any kind of support, direct or indirect. We must oppose this menace to our

religion and country without qualification.

Since I am gravely concerned about this problem and related ones, I raised the general question of the communist menace to our Nation while talking on the telephone to Assistant Director William C. Sullivan of the F.B.I. in regard to another matter on February 25, 1964. He set forth for me facts similar to those contained in the above statements by Mr. Hoover. I then raised specific questions about the extent of the invasion of communists into our churches and the National Council of Churches. Was the charge true which has been made against the National Council by some of its critics, that it is a communist front organization, and had it been cited by the Attorney General? If this charge were true, I certainly wanted to have no connection with it or any other organization so cited.

Mr. Sullivan told me that the files of the F.B.I. are classified and, therefore, no specifics from them could be given. He explained that the F.B.I. did not give any definitive evaluation of organizations, persons or publications. I did not expect or want any classified information, not being entitled to it, and therefore, alluded to nonclassified statements in this area made by Mr. Hoover and by F.B.I. speakers before different audiences around the country.

Mr. Sullivan replied that it is, of course, public knowledge that the National Council of Churches has not been designated as subversive by the Attorney General under what he called "Executive Order 10450." He added that it is also true that F.B.I. speakers have presented factual non-

classified information on various aspects of communism, including the field of religion, to which my question was directed.

Mr. Sullivan said that churches and religious organizations have for many years been a target for communist invasion and will continue to be so. He went on to say that these invasion efforts have been thwarted by the F.B.I.'s internal security programs, by investigations, arrests and prosecution of Communist Party officials; by calm, rational, intelligent public opposition; and by constructive social action on the part of business, labor, government and the churches. He stressed the fact that these enlightened efforts must continue, because communists have not changed either their tactics or their goals; expressly, the communization of this nation and the world by any effective means.

It seems to me that one of the best things about the F.B.I. is its sensible, factual, informed, balanced view. It is against not only law violators but also extremists of all kinds whose carelessness with facts and whose ill-considered actions can be harmful to our Nation. Mr. Hoover, for some time, has been concerned about this.

As early as April 1, 1961, he wrote in the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin: "There exists today in our land a vital 'rift' which the communists are exploiting. Unfortunately, this involves certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another. The label of 'communist' is too often indiscriminately attached to those whose views differ from the majority. Those whose lives are not led according to what one segment of society might decree to be the 'norm' are too frequently

challenged as 'Reds' Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but also contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen. This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action. We must unite as a people; we must understand our basic American heritage under law; and we must face the communist menace with deliberation, quiet courage, and knowledge."

In his article, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," Mr. Hoover again demonstrates the great wisdom and sense of justice for which he is well known. He states: "Communism feeds on social ferment. On both the local and national levels, the Communist Party, U.S.A., is continually exploiting social, economic and political grievances for its own tactical purposes. For this reason the 'Party Line' will frequently coincide with the views of many nonconformists on specific issues. We must not, therefore, indiscriminately label as communists those whose opinions on a particular question may, on occasion, parallel the official Party position. We must also guard against the tendency to characterize as communists those who merely disagree with us or who advocate unorthodox or unpopular beliefs When anyone is erroneously branded a communist, it not only constitutes an injustice to the individual, but also helps communism by diffusing the strength of anti-communist forces."

Believing that Mr. Hoover knows better than any other person the danger of communism to this Nation, I understand and share his concern relative to any thinking, utterances, or practices which weaken our opposition to communism. He does not write or speak without deep conviction and sound reason. Only such could cause Mr. Hoover to say in his speech, "Faith or Fear":

"The person who would bomb a school, desecrate a house of worship, or spread the doctrine of hate toward his fellow man constitutes a real threat to our American way of life. He lives in a vacuum of moral degeneracy. His crimes are so outrageous it is unthinkable that anyone except the extreme 'lunatic fringe' could rationalize or condone them.

"Invariably, these hatemongers attempt to drape themselves in a cloak of patriotism, but their real objective is to destroy the very Ameri-

can ideals which they claim to uphold. They preach 'mobocracy'—disrespect for the law, for our Constitution, and disregard for the welfare of others."

Continues Mr. Hoover: "I place the 'fiery cross' of the vicious Ku Klux Klan in the same category as the 'swastika' of the Nazis and the godless 'hammer and sickle' of atheistic communism. All ignore the rights of everyone to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"All right-thinking citizens know that there is no place in America for vigilantes, rabble rousers, the 'lunatic fringe' and those who make a profit—political or material—out of merchandizing prejudice.

"No problem is so acute, no crisis so severe, that terrorism can be tolerated in our society. Intimidation and mob action are not the American way—nor are they God's way—of accomplishing any objective which is truly worthwhile."

In another speech entitled "Faith in Freedom" and given as recently as December 4, 1963, Mr. Hoover declares:

"Communism feeds upon ignorance, prejudice and sickness of the mind and soul. It probes relentlessly for weaknesses in America's moral armor.

"That is why the cause of communism is well served by the hatemongers, the 'lunatic fringe' and other rabble who preach a doctrine of malice and intolerance toward their fellow man.

"These venomous fanatics, whether they are extremists of the left or the right, are carriers of a highly infectious disease. They clutter the streets—and the mails—with their slanderous obscenities, urging impressionable teen-agers and unstable adults to acts of hate, terror and intimidation. They have brought forth the bombs and ignited the flames that have killed decent Americans and even innocent children, and destroyed churches and other temples of worship. They are a national disgrace."

To sum it up, churches and religious organizations and all other worthy endeavors continue to be the targets of communists. We ministers must be always alert to this and oppose them relentlessly. There must never be any compromise of our principles with communism. It is because of our awareness of this problem that The Methodist Church has been holding seminars and conferences across the Nation to better inform its members and all others who attend concerning the facts and the real issues involved,

encouraging all so to live and think and act and speak that it will not be easy, or even possible, for any enemy to invade the Church.

I am concerned also that we should never have a merely negative approach. Ministers and laymen alike need to proceed from the conviction that it is not enough to be against something. We must also be for something. And what we are for is the living reality of Jesus Christ and all the personal and social values which emanate from His Being. All of us are obligated to work together in Christian love and to take creative and constructive steps which ultimately will transform from a vision to a reality the profound universal proposition expressed long ago in the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." He was interested in the well being and fulfillment of all life and every life. And so the Church must be. We must not be frightened away from successfully carrying out the Christian mission and purpose either by communists or by extremists of any other kind. If, in this long struggle in these trying days we remain true to our Christian heritage, we will merit the praise given American clergymen by Mr. Hoover when he said in his article, "Red Goals and Christian Ideals":

"The Christian pulpit is today one of America's most formidable barriers against communism. The spiritual dedication of thousands of clergymen, in large and small churches across the nation, is a powerful antidote to the danger. America owes a great debt of gratitude to the stalwart example of our religious leaders."

This fine tribute applies equally to the devoted and dedicated laymen of the Church. Let ministers and laymen alike unite to resist every effort to divide, weaken or destroy the one body which we call the Bride of Christ. There is room within the Church for differences of opinion but no room for those who would develop schisms which would give aid and comfort to the enemy.

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I think all of us read either in the fifth or sixth grade a little story that gave us a lot of time to think. The man whom we read about was King Midas and we wondered how a man could be so foolish. It was he who wanted a very foolish thing. His great wish was that everything he touched would turn to gold — and so it was. But was the man happy? In the story, we found that he was most miserable. In the gold he could not find companionship. There was no company in it for him. He could not talk to it, he could not eat it. Since everything he touched turned to gold he was worthless as far as he was concerned. He was covered and smothered by wealth. I thought of the Scripture later: "What doth it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his soul?" Jesus pointed that out to us.

Here's a young man, who some years ago was in college, and he wanted more than anything else in the world to excel and become highly proficient. And so, he put a big letter "V," the sign for Victory, over his door in the college dormitory. This was to remind him of what he wanted most in life, and each time he entered that room he thought of the time when he would become valedictorian of his class, and he became the valedictorian of his class. I am wondering what do you have over your mind's door. What letter have you placed there? There are some men who put over their mind's door the letter "M" which stands for Money; there are others who put the letter "F" which stands for Fame; and there are others who place over their mind's door, the letter "S" which may stand either for Self or Service. I believe it is a good idea every now and then to just step aside and look at the letter over the entrance to your mind's door. It may be that you might like to change that letter. You might want to ask yourself, "Is this the thing that I want most in life?"

Paderewski wanted more than

anything else in the world to become a great master musician. Some years later at one of his concerts, a person asked him, "How long did it take you to learn to play like that?" Paderewski replied: "Ten hours practice each day for 25 years!" Later at another concert, a person congratulating him on his wonderful performance, said: "Oh, if I could be a musician like you, I would give my whole life!" Paderewski replied: "That's exactly what I have done, because that's what I wanted most — to play well."

President Lincoln wanted to rise above his difficulties above all else. He refused to give up. I do not believe that word "impossible" was in his thinking. If it was, he would say, "I'll find a way or make it!" In reading the story of his life, we find that he did not have the lights at

night that we have, and the other comforts that we so often take for granted. Lincoln had none of these. He had an old broken-down, worn-out shovel that he used for a black-board. He would stick it in the fire and get it real black. He had no chalk — but he did have a dirt-dauber's nest, that he used for chalk. On the back of this old shovel, he learned how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. He wanted to overcome his difficulties and he did. Everybody wants something in life. Some wants are greater than others.

I've always been impressed as I read that lovely story in the New Testament about the man who saw a beautiful pearl. He was a pearl merchant and knew quality. He knew those of value, and those that were cheap. He wanted this pearl more than any other because he knew its worth. He sold those that he had, and bought this beautiful one for his collection. When you read this parable, you will find that the Kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price. You must seek it, be firm in your conviction, and be willing to pay the price, and the price is not cheap.

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Summer School At Columbia College

Applications are now being accepted for the Columbia College summer term, June 8 through July 31.

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(Methods and Materials), Science S 153 (Teaching of Elementary Science), Special Education S 132 (Introduction to Special Education) and Special Education S 134 (Materials and Methods of Teaching the Mentally Handicapped).

Eight workshops will be offered during the period July 6 through July 24. Workshops to be offered during this period are: Art Education S 121 (Arts and Crafts for School and Home), Education S 173 (Modern Mathematics for the Elementary School), Education S 188 (Reading Instruction in Secondary Schools), Library Science S 122 (Reference), Library Science S 151 (Book Selection), Library Science S 178 (Youth Literature), Music Education S 141 (Music in the School Curriculum) and Special Education S 133 (Nature of Mental Retardation).

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ON THE COVER

1964's EASTER SEAL CHILD

A young Methodist is South Carolina's "Easter Seal Child for 1964."

Terri Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reeves of 1557 Lonsford Drive, Columbia, has as her church home Trenholm Road Methodist Church, Columbia. Her father is manager of Philco Finance.

Terri is described by the folks at the Easter Seal Cerebral Palsy Center in Columbia as "a dainty blonde with eyes the shade of a robin's egg." These days, with admirable determination, she keeps trying to ride her new tricycle. It's a little too big for her. And the short leg drop foot-brace and heel-wedge on the shoe on her right leg sometimes get in the way.

Chances are that some day soon Terri will conquer that tricycle. She comes to the Center each week for physical and occupational therapy. Her prospects are excellent.

Terri was referred to the South Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., (which operates the Center) in January, 1963.

She began walking at the age of 14 months, but dragged her right foot and had some difficulty with the use of the right hand.

The case was diagnosed cerebral palsy, right spastic hemiplegia (mild). Under written prescription of the physician who is in charge of the Easter Seal clinic, the therapists

exercise her leg and arm to stretch out her tight muscles and reeducate her affected muscles.

Exercises which Terri takes are disguised as games. As long as she and the therapists keep working together as well as they have, she will be walking and using her right hand almost as effectively as anyone by the time she is grown.

Right now, with the help of the braces, she runs even better than she walks. The big steps come more easily in her case.

It is perhaps just as well that this is so, because Terri is a child who likes to run.

"She likes to be read to, also," says her mother. "Sometimes she'll get a book in her hand and follow me around until I have time to sit down and read it to her."

Like other little girls with doting fathers, Terri has plenty of toys.

"But I guess the pots and pans in the kitchen cabinet are her favorites. She can spend hours there," says mother.

Close behind the pots and pans in second place is a rag doll.

And behind that comes the tricycle. But chances are, when Terri grows a bit and those right leg and arm muscles learn to obey, the tricycle will be the favorite toy.

Because Terri will be able to ride it then.



Coffee Day And Easter Seals Provide Help

On Good Friday, March 27, a "Coffee Day for Crippled Children" will be held throughout the state.

The event is sponsored by The South Carolina Restaurant Association and the South Carolina Law, Enforcement Officer's Association. Through the sale of "B.A.C." buttons (buck a cup) which entitles the wearers to free coffee at participating restaurants, the Crippled Children's Society will benefit.

The Society, which operates Easter Seal Centers throughout the state, secures much of its operating money through the annual sale of Easter Seals.

On January 28, the Easter Seal Information Advisory Committee reported that funds expended in 1963 amounted to \$270,260.16, for the operation of Headquarters and County chapters. During this time 2,947 persons were served by the Centers.

This does not reflect approximately \$150,498.62 in fixed assets, land, buildings, and equipment. Nor does it reflect cost of equipment for the Charleston Charles Webb Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center nor the totals expended this year for the Aiken Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center now under construction.

Mrs. Jackson Lowe, is executive director for the S. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., with headquarters at 1517 Laurel Street, Columbia.

Minister's Mother, Lancaster's Oldest Citizen, Dies

Lancaster's oldest citizen, Mrs. Margaret Jane Robertson Ferguson, died in Lancaster on March 17, at the age of 101.

She was born in York County on July 10, 1862. Her husband, the late Alfred Brown Ferguson, died in 1935. Of the six children of the family, three survive: two sons, Hazel Ferguson of Lancaster, and the Rev. A. B. Ferguson, Jr., of Columbia; and a daughter, Miss Margaret Ferguson of Lancaster.

On Mrs. Ferguson's 100th birthday, July 10, 1962, she was honored by many. Notable recognition came in a gift of 100 American Beauty roses

from the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and a telegram from the late President Kennedy.

Funeral services were conducted on the afternoon of March 19, with her pastor, the Rev. E. S. Jones, and the Rev. Roy Dickert officiating. Interment was in Westside Cemetery.

Revival At Twitty, Hartsville

The Rev. Harry Bunch, of Iron Gate Virginia, will be the guest minister for revival services at Twitty Church, Hartsville, April 12-17.

The Rev. Mrs. Bessie Parker is pastor.

CHRIST LIVES

By

William K. Coble

(John 20: 1-29)

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The friendly, pleasant world the Apostles had known prior to Calvary was shattered by the Cross. But after Easter these bewildered men knew the love and security of God in even larger dimensions. They were then equipped to face what would seem to be the impossible task of converting a hostile world to the new Gospel. After Easter these ordinary men were ready to face anything, including death itself. Such were they, because they no longer served a dead Lord, but a risen Christ!

This Easter as we look at Thomas and Mary Magdalene we should become aware of the necessity for growth in our relationship with the risen Christ.

Next to his mother, the woman who was nearest to Jesus, who followed him fearlessly to the very foot of the cross, and to whom he appeared first when he rose from the dead, was Mary Magdalene.

Scripture does not give many details of her life before she met Jesus. Popular opinion has led many to believe she was a reformed harlot. There is no evidence for this view.

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on the morning of the first day of the week and found that the stone had been rolled away. Fearing that the body of Jesus had been taken, she immediately ran and told Peter and the beloved disciple. They came and found things as Mary had said and returned to their homes.

Mary Magdalene remained at the tomb. She could not do otherwise. Something compelled her to stay. She

kept searching and finally peered again into the tomb. Confused, bewildered, she must have felt the entire thing to be a dream. Sensing that someone was behind her, she turned. Assuming this person to be the gardener, she exclaimed without hesitation, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

She was then shocked when the familiar voice of Jesus spoke her name, "Mary." "Rabboni!" was all that she knew to say.

It must be noted that Mary was seeking a dead Christ, and thus she could not find him. There are many today who keep making that same mistake with little awareness of their loss. Their Christ was a figure in history almost two thousand years ago. His teachings and miraculous acts are impressive to them. Frequently they take their stand on a Christ who was and is no more.

They have no real experience of the risen Christ. They do not walk with him day by day. They do not see him in issues confronting them and the world. Their faith, real and effective to a limited extent, is something less than full Christianity. "He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today!"

Thomas portrays much of today's mankind. When Christ first appeared to his disciples, Thomas had not been present, (Jn. 20: 19-24). Why? We do not know. But there seems to be a warning here for us not to forsake coming together in the name of Christ. How many there are who miss the experience of the risen Christ because of only occasional, spasmodic ap-

pearances in the community gathered for worship, the church.

We must not be too severe with Thomas. He had seen the Cross. He had witnessed the spear thrust in His side. He had seen the tomb. With all hope apparently gone, Thomas refused to leave what was seemingly a lost cause. The others had seen (or so they said) the risen Lord.

Thomas had no such hope. But he did not desert. Then Christ again appeared and responded to Thomas' challenge. "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus never condemned doubt. As so majestically illustrated in the story of Thomas, the risen Christ can pass through closed doors to remove doubt. Through honest doubt can come growth! Though Thomas doubted that doubt was transformed into dedication. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Has the Risen Christ been experienced in our church today? Has our doubt brought forth growth and dedication? Why should we tremble before evil personalities? Why should we be on the defensive before the threat of godless men? Christ at Easter placed a chorus of victory in the heart of the world.

Easter proclaims the things of God are imperishable and will never die. Easter bids the church to lift itself from defeat and despair and become an instrument of peace and redemption. To help us along the way, we have this guarantee: "Christ the Lord is not dead but lives!"

THE LIFE ETERNAL

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What The Disciples Wanted Most

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In the wonderful Greater Issue talk that we heard by General Power, we were thrilled when he said to be proud, be firm and let other people know it. As Christians, let us be strong and not compromise our convictions. Let us be willing to seek to find the Kingdom of God.

The disciples, like the pearl merchant, Abraham Lincoln, the college student with the "V" sign over his door, wanted something also. Even though they were a small group, they knew what they wanted. These were the disciples of Jesus, and they wanted something more than anything else. They knew whom to ask. They did not ask Jesus to make them rich, make them great preachers or to give them fame. They made this request: "Lord, teach us to pray." Why did they make this request? In the beautiful stories of Mark, Luke, Matthew, and John in the Bible, they knew what prayer had meant in the life of the Master. Though human as they were, they wanted to rise above their difficulties and become masters of themselves in order that they might serve effectively and efficiently. They wanted to be more like the Master and they saw what this great power of prayer meant to Him. They knew that He had new strength and confidence when He prayed. They knew that He prayed in the morning. "So I think

I know the secret learned from many a troubled day. You must seek God in the morning if you would have Him through the day." During the day He prayed, and at night He prayed. He prayed during critical times. He prayed on the Cross. The centurion who supervised the execution may have said, "If a man can die, with a prayer on his lips, surely he must be the Son of God."

Please note that the Holy Scriptures tell us that the prayers of Jesus were sincere, they were personal and they were brief. Not only did He pray Himself, but He taught others to pray. Look at the Lord's Prayer. Recall again the Master's saying that one should ask, seek and knock. (St. Matthew 7:7).

Prayer, as I understand it, is opening one's heart to the great heart of God. When we pray, we communicate with Him. We talk to Him, we seek His presence, His forgiveness, His guidance, and His power to sustain us in our daily lives. This is what the disciples wanted most. They were not asking that their lives be made easier, but that they would become stronger men. They did not ask for tasks equal to their power, but they asked for power equal to their tasks. They knew what prayer could do to them and for them. No wonder it was this one thing they wanted most and so they said to Jesus: "Lord, teach us to pray."

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In Memoriam

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We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. John's Methodist Church, Woodford, South Carolina, pay tribute to our beloved member, who departed this earthly life for her heavenly home on November 29, 1963, at the age of 84.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her devoted family: Mrs. Carlisle Robinson and Mrs. Floride Wingard of Woodford, Mrs. Samuel Campbell and Mrs. Norman Way of Rock Hill, eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Her devotion to God, the church and her family, her smile of encouragement, her compassionate sympathy and gentle understanding, shall ever be an inspiration to this community, young and old, white and colored. We are gratefully appreciative for her having come our way and lingering a while. To know her was to love her!

Be it resolved: That a page in our minutes be dedicated to her memory; that a copy of this tribute be sent to her family; that the same be published in the *South Carolina Methodist Advocate*.

MARGARET ROBINSON, Secretary

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Twelve more churches, for a total of 150 in the conference, have now adopted the "All-Family Plan" for circulating their Church's weekly newsmagazine among the families of their congregations.

A church may qualify for subscription of \$2.00 per year for (1) agreeing to send the *Advocate* to all or all residence families, or (2) by sending it to all families with membership in the church.

Additions to and corrections of the "quota" list show that there are now 150 churches which have reached this goal. Attainment of quota means that the church has one subscription for each eight members. This entitles the church's subscribers to the \$2.50 per year rate, whereas the single subscription rate is \$3.00 per year.

The district listing for new All-Family and "Quota" churches will be given next week.

The Bulletin Board *Revival and News From Home*

The Rev. W. Harvey Floyd, Jr., pastor of Grambling Church, prepared for his people a brochure of meditations entitled "In Jesus' Last Steps," a devotional guide for Holy Week . . . Lou Brissie was the speaker at the March meeting of Methodist Men of St. Mark Church, Greenville . . . The Rev. Wm. E. Andrews, for fifteen years a missionary of The Methodist Church in Brazil, and whose mother resides in Landrum, was the preacher in Memorial Church, Greer, on Palm Sunday . . . The Rev. Carl L. Parker, pastor of Trinity Church, Greenville, is one of the preachers in community Holy Week services being held in Grace Episcopal Church, Anderson . . . Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Director of Division of Instruction of the S. C. Department of Education, was the speaker at the Washington Street Church Sunday Evening Fellowship, speaking on "Decision Making in World Affairs" . . . Three certified Lay Speakers of The Methodist Church in the S. C. Conference were Holy Week speakers in St. John's Church, Rock Hill; namely, Marshall Shearhouse of Columbia, Fred W. Ponder of Aiken, and Solicitor B. O. Thomason, Jr., of Greenville . . . Dr. R. Bryce Herbert, pastor of Central Church, Florence, will be the Easter preacher on the South Carolina Pulpit of Television Station WIS, Columbia, on Easter at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. . . . Trinity Church, Charleston, the Rev. W. Harold Smith, pastor, celebrated on Palm Sunday the retiring of the indebtedness on its building.

Holy Week services at Trinity Church, Sumter, will have as preachers, besides the pastor, Dr. G. S. Duffie, the Rev. H. R. Reynolds, of North Charleston; the Rev. Paul McWhirter, of Spartanburg; and the Rev. J. Walter Johnson, of Greenville. . . . City-wide Holy Week services are being held in Bethel Church, Chester, with the pastor, the Rev. Carlisle Smith, and other ministers of the community as preachers . . . Methodist churches of the Marion-Mullins area will share in sponsoring a three-hour service at Macedonia Church, Mullins, 12:00 to 3:00 o'clock on Good Friday . . . On Easter morning the young people of Marion will conduct a sunrise service beside the Marion Methodist Church.

Among services planned with the ministers preaching, for ensuing weeks are these:

Holy Week services — Hibben Church, Mt. Pleasant, the Rev. C. J. Lupo, Jr., Marion; First Church, Cheraw, the Rev. Eben Taylor, Columbia; Clemson Church, the Rev. James S. Barrett, Honea Path; Neeses, the Rev. Ernest M. Heape, St. Matthews, March 29-April 2; Asbury Memorial Church, Columbia, the Rev. M. L. Meadors, Jr., Myrtle Beach; Clover Church, the Rev. Henry M. Thomson, Heath Springs — March 29-April 3: Trinity Church, Andrews, the Rev. Phil Jones, Greer; O'Neal Street Church, Newberry, the Rev. Charles A. Graves, Greenville — April 5-9; Buncombe Street Church, Greenville, Dr. Kenneth Goodson, Winston-Salem, N. C. — April 5-10.

The annual preaching mission at Bethune will be March 22-27, at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the old high school gymnasium.

The guest speaker is Dr. Francis T. Cunningham. Music will be led by the Rev. T. C. Jones of Aiken.

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, nationally known Methodist preacher, will preach in revival services at Trinity Church, Greenville, April 5-10.

Song leader will be the Rev. James Copeland, of Woodruff. The Rev. Carl Parker is pastor.

Cottage Prayer services are planned for 80 different homes Monday through Thursday nights by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

On Friday morning, April 3, a 24 hour prayer vigil will be carried on by some 144 persons.

Services each evening will be at 7:30 P.M.

The Rev. David W. Reese, Jr., is the preacher in evangelistic services at his home church, Few's Chapel, Greer, March 29-April 3.

Earle W. Kirkley, who retired in 1961 as pressman for the *Advocate* after 40 years of service, is in the Camden Memorial Rest Home, Fair Street, Camden, S. C. for a temporary stay.

Mr. Kirkley has been ill for a number of months at the home of his daughter in Columbia.

He will be glad to hear from and see his friends during his stay in Camden.

April 29, 1964

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Montgomery, Alabama

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 24th, with enclosure, has been received.

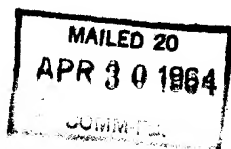
With respect to your inquiry, I am enclosing a copy of the address delivered by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan before the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, on October 19, 1961, in order that you may read it in its entirety. His quoted statements in the bulletin you forwarded were taken from his aforementioned speech and appear on page 19. Although they are reproduced accurately, the entire speech should be considered before these conclusions are excerpted.

I am sending you additional literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)
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Enc.

Communism and Religion in the United States
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
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April 24 - 1964

Montgomery Ala

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir -

RELIGION

Inclosed is a Church bulletin quoteing Assistant Director William C. Sullivan Federal Bureau of Investigation as saying: " that any allegation is false which holds there has been and is, on a national scale an extensive or substantial communist infiltration of the American clergy."

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Would you mind telling me who made investigations of the Churches that brought about that conclusion? And, does extensive and substantial take into consideration, positions of influence and authority that communist hold in the clergy, and that the danger of communist infiltration has been over emphacised?

Yours very truly

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April 24 - 1964

Montgomery Ala

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Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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NUMBER 16

WANTED!

FLOWER CONTAINERS for cut flowers. Each Sunday's altar flowers are sent to our sick in the hospitals and we are badly in need of containers. These may be left in the church office. Thank you.

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN

Reverend Hoagland will be preaching at South Brookley Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama, beginning Sunday evening through Wednesday night.

SPIRITUAL LIFE BOOKSHELF

Some fine spiritual life books are available in the vestibule before and after the morning worship service. These books can be checked out for a two week period.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

The Official Board adopted the following Sunday morning schedule to begin the first Sunday in May:

Sunday School—8:00 a.m.

Morning Worship—10:15 a.m.

PASTOR'S STUDY

Our pastor will give the message on "Pastor's Study" WSFA-TV Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24, at 8:25 a.m.

POSTER CONTEST

Primary and Junior boys and girls are reminded of the poster contest designed to encourage church attendance. The award for each grade level will be a fine child's religious book.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Harvey Jones expresses grateful appreciation for the love and kindness shown during her extended illness in the hospital.

LET AN AUTHORITY SPEAK

"COMMUNISM AND RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES"

"To recapitulate, it can be stated factually and without equivocation that any allegation is false which holds that there has been and is, on a national scale, an extensive or substantial communist infiltration of the American clergy, in particular the Protestant clergy. This statement applies with equal force to the Methodists as it does to other religious denominations."

"In this connection, it is noteworthy that the Methodist Board of Missions in 1960 adopted a special four-year program to combat communist propaganda in various countries in Asia, Africa, and South America. The Board announced its intentions of sending more missionaries to these areas, as well as increasing the output and distribution of Christian literature and widening the use of radio and television in its educational program."

—By Assistant Director William C. Sullivan
Federal Bureau of Investigation

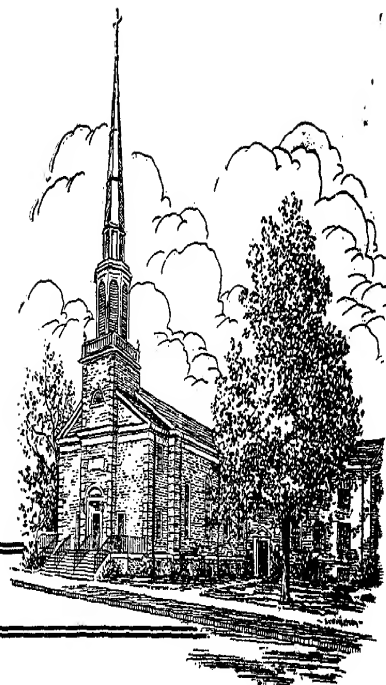
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WHERE ARE THE MIRACLES?

If we have God, then we must show
His presence good and sweet
And we must channel love, His love,
To everyone we meet.
If we have God, such evidence
Must shine thro' every hour.
If we have God, if we have God,
Must we not have His power?
If we have God, light will pour out
Illuminating our way.
Where is the love that makes men whole,
The miracles today?
Oh, God is here! Men need Him much!
The world must find Him in our touch!

—Berniece Ayers Hall

Sunday Evening Sermon by Mr. Jerry Morris, Our Youth Assistant

Title—"The Resurrection of Lazarus"

Steeple Echoes

Order of Worship

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 O'clock

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple" Harrington

INVOCATION

HYMN NUMBER 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Dykes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer" Mendelssohn

ORGAN INTERLUDE For Seating Late-Comers

RESPONSIVE READING Page 575, "The Glory of God"

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ANTHEM—"Battle Hymn of the Republic" Steffe

PRESENTATION The Doxology

HYMN NUMBER 213, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Mason

THE LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE, I Corinthians 3

SERMON, "Proud To Be A Methodist" Reverend R. L. Hoagland, Jr.

HYMN NUMBER 191, "Sinners, Turn: Why Will Ye Die?" Wesley

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 O'CLOCK

Congregational Singing

Special by Cherub Choir

Offertory Anthem Carol Choir

Sermon—"The Resurrection of Lazarus" Mr. Jerry Morris

Song Leader—James Foster

Invite Others To Come

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1964

9:30 Coffee—Bozeman Hall

9:45 Church School

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Carol Choir Practice

5:30 MYF

5:45 Primary and Junior Fellowships

7:00 Evening Worship

8:15 Youth Recreation

MONDAY

6:30 Clara French Circle meets with Mrs. J. D. Cates, 2606 Thrasher Street; Co-hostesses: Mrs. Joe Favor, Mrs. J. C. Armor.

7:30 Wesleyan Service Guild No. 1 meets with Mrs. Mary Carr, 3478 South Perry Street; Co-hostesses: Mrs. Sally Lowman, Mrs. Bessie Mae Randle and Mrs. Pearl Hauser.

TUESDAY

10:00 The following Circles meet—Nursery open at the church.

Mary McMillan—Mrs. J. C. Thames, 1760 Plum Street

Letah Doyle—Mrs. Harold Bigelow, 1525 Bryan Street

Evelyn Wells—Mrs. J. E. Harrison, 1237 Mulberry Street

Matilda Moses—Mrs. Bobby Taylor, 2430 Spruce Curve

Mable Whitehead—Mrs. A. A. McKittrick, 1707 West Street

Vera Parks—Mrs. C. R. Keith, 2014 Madison Avenue

Mary Culler White—Mrs. Ralph Snider, 923 Boyce Street

7:30 Keystone Class meets with Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKeny, 2743 Sumter Street; Co-hostess: Mrs. Elizabeth Byal.

WEDNESDAY

3:45 Girl's Chorus Rehearsal

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 Pathfinder Class Covered Dish Supper, Bozeman Hall

7:30 Prayer Group meets with Mrs. Don Skinner, 3112 Upchurch Circle

FRIDAY

7:30 The Builders Class' Master and Slave Supper.

WEDDING BELLS

The marriage of Miss Martha Sabra Moore and Mr. Donovan A. McCall was solemnized on Friday, April 10, with Dr. W. F. Calhoun and Reverend R. L. Hoagland, Jr. officiating in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Calhoun.

CONDOLENCE

Our church family expresses love and sympathy to Mrs. Ed. Tinsley and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Velma D. Hall of Burkeville, Ala.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome the following new members into the fellowship of our church:

Mrs. Aldrich Moore, 2021 Mulberry Street

Mrs. J. R. Ellenwood, 2021 Mulberry Street

Mrs. E. S. Ford, 1707 Lake Street

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May 6, 1964

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[Redacted Address]

Headland, Alabama

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter of May 1st has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations and individuals you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
~~John Edgar Hoover~~

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Headland Alabama
May 1, 1964

Federal Bureau of
Investigation
United States Dept.
of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

O. K. Ellison

Dear Sir:

I am [redacted] of The BlackWoods
Congregational Christian Church At Head land Ala. As you know the
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The South East Convention office is located in Atlanta Ga.

I hope your. office Can see fit to give Me some information on this matter.
I sincerely Believe the Churches should know. if possible As soon as possible.

Sincerely

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HEADLAND, ALABAMA.

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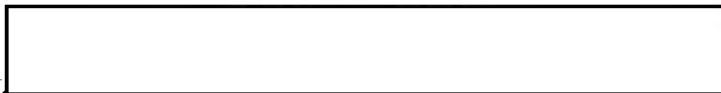
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I was proud to wear the Uniform of our
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to do it again if necessary. I Believe that there
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Present Battle, as a leader Called into Battle

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And service of almighty God Believing and
depending on his infinite Wisdom, Believing
the whole Bible as the inspired Word of
God of which our Nation was founded upon.
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June 3, 1964

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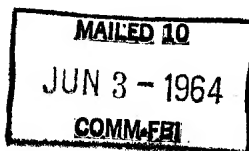
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 27th has been received.

In response to your inquiries, I am enclosing a copy of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on January 29, 1964, and a copy of an address delivered by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan before the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, on October 19, 1961. Pages 40 and 41 of my appropriations testimony set forth my views about one of the topics you mentioned while Mr. Sullivan's speech bears upon communist infiltration of religious groups. I am enclosing other material which I trust will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

FBI 1965 Appropriation
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4-1-61 LEB Intro
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May 27, 1964
**COMMUNIST
INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION**

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been discussing infiltration of various movements by the reds with a local clergyman and he has said the FBI has denied there has been any substantial infiltration of the American clergy. In addition he has stated that he has seen no accurate data showing that the civil rights movement has been infiltrated and he believes this is merely an excuse by people trying to avoid responsibility for segregation and intolerance.

He has made numerous other typically naive liberal statement regarding the great danger of supposed right wing extremists as compared with an illusory threat from the reds. Any comments or data you may have on the above would be appreciated.



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June 18, 1964

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[Redacted]
Kingsburg, California 93631

Dear [Redacted]

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I received your letter of June 11th and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

In line with our long-standing policy, we cannot comment on articles which we have not prepared. The quotations attributed to FBI officials were taken from remarks previously made by them on other occasions.

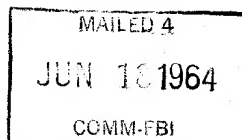
Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Louis Cassels is the author of "The Rightist Crisis in our Churches" which appeared in the 4-24-62 issue of "Look" magazine. The article is an attack of right-wing extremist who had been charging that some clergymen in America were "soft" or sympathetic toward communism. It singled out specifically Billy James Hargis, Carl McIntyre and Robert Welch of the John Birch Society among others. He pointed out how these extremist charges harassed ministers, disrupted congregations and generally hurt religious groups. The Director and Assistant Director Sullivan were prominently mentioned in the article which also contained a quotation from the Director.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Corner Ellis & Lincoln
Kingsburg, California

June 11, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
FBI Headquarters
9th and Penna. Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Communist infiltration into the church

One of the concerns today is that of Communism. One area of this concern is relative to its influence in the churches and synagogues of our nation.

It was in the early part of 1961 I believe that Mr. Louis Cassels wrote an article for the United Press International news-service entitled: "Communists Like Charges of Church Infiltration; These Sow Confusion." He says, quote "FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-Communism play into the Communists' hands."

"During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds."

The above quotation from his article is quite different from the information gathered from certain other groups. I am wondering as to the accuracy of the quotation and statement and any other information which you might feel to be pertinent to the problem.

Thank you for your help.

Kingsburg, Calif. 93631

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[Redacted]
Aiken, South Carolina 29801

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 15th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned. Further, this Bureau is not in a position to direct you to sources where you might obtain the information you requested.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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J. E. Hoover
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many conflicting reports of Communist activities in the U. S. churches have caused me to become quite concerned. Where may I obtain authoritative and unbiased information on Communist activities in the World Council of Churches and the Methodist Church? I am a member of the Methodist Church.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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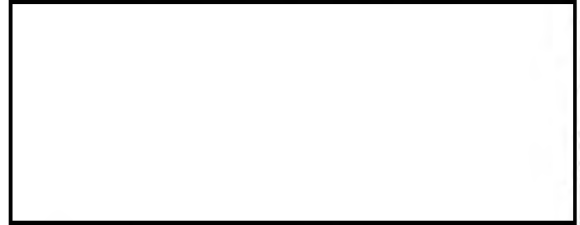
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Lititz, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the admission of Russian clergymen into the United States is not a matter within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and we have no information which we can make available to you. I trust you will understand our position.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Correspondent's envelope used with reply.

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Lititz, Pa.
 June 17, 1964

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was informed that you were contacted concerning the visit of the four Russian Baptists to America. I am not sure of your official reaction. However, I am quite concerned.

I am a Mennonite teenager. These men visited several of our churches, and many of us accepted what they said to be genuine. I did not hear them personally, but my brother did and several of my friends did also. Our church leaders apparently had a good bit to do with the arrangement of the visit of these men, and our leaders as well as editors of our official church periodicals have spoken and written of these men as true Christians and hailed their visit as being profitable. This is all very good.

However, as you may have heard, the speaker of the "Twentieth Century Reformation Hour" has stirred up a good bit of controversy among our people over this visit of these men. He picketed at several of these services in our churches where these men were the guest speakers, labeling them as being Communist spies. And on his radio broadcast he has declared the same thing repeatedly. He condemned what our editors printed as being Communist propaganda. And this Saturday night, June 20, he is running a large anti-communistic rally in one of our Mennonite communities to prove once and for always that these men were spies.

I am not very disturbed about the comments of this radio speaker. I have never had much respect for radical nationalists. But I am quite concerned because many of our people are being influenced by this man to believe that our church leaders were deceived, and that we actually entertained Communist spies. We have always been a peace-loving, nonpolitical people who have believed that our mission is to relate our Christian living to the country in which we live. And so it hurts to see some of our people being

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
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swept away and confused by what to us seems an obvious hate campaign. We have been taught to love all men.

My purpose for writing is to secure an official statement from someone whose word can be trusted concerning any pro or con evidence as related to the case of these four Russian Baptists. Our people want to know the truth.

I thank you for your kindness and consideration.

Yours truly,



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July 7, 1964

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] Alabama

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 28th has been received.

In response to your request, I am enclosing the literature for which you asked as well as some other material which I hope you will find of interest. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communism, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

4/17/62 Internal Security Statement

4/1/61 LEB Introduction

The Communist Party Line

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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[redacted] Ala.
June 28, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a church we are appalled at the evidence of subversive influences in the Methodist Church and desire a copy of the paper "Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit" which appeared in Christianity Today, Oct. 24, 1960, and also "The Communist Party Line" used as testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. We would be grateful for any other information which would cast any more light upon the subject.

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Sincerely yours,

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July 14, 1964

Immanuel Moravian Church
2009 North Peachtree Street
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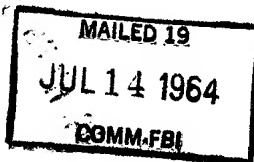
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 9th, with enclosure, has been received.

In line with our long-standing policy, we cannot comment on articles which we have not prepared. The quotations attributed to FBI officials, appearing in the article you enclosed, were taken from remarks previously made by them on other occasions. I am enclosing, however, a copy of the statements made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan and some other material as you requested.

With respect to your inquiry concerning Major Edgar C. Bundy, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

Communism and Religion in the United States
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
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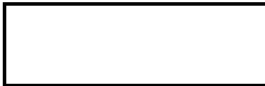
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Edgar C. Bundy is Chairman of the Church League of America, claims to have been a Major in Air Force Intelligence and is the subject of a closed Impersonation case. He has been alleged by an associate of the Bureau to have performed perverted acts during the years 1946 - 1953.

Immanuel Moravian Church

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
INTO RELIGION

July 9, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending this letter to you prayerfully asking for guidance in the matter of pointing out the possibility and fact of unwitting clergy cooperation with Communist objectives.

In a recent session with our denomination's Provincial President on this subject as related to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America and those in leadership capacities, he offered the enclosed press report of Investigator Sullivan's speech. I am enclosing a multi-fax copy. Would it be possible to have a full copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech for reference? It appears to me that the writer of this article has made a most damaging use of a small quotation. The most incredible quote is that which is attributed to an "anonymous" FBI official to the effect that the Communists are "very upset" by Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

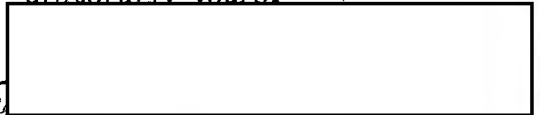
As it stands, the UPI article is being interpreted to be - and is being used as - a defense for those individuals and organizations continuing their support of Communist Front activities and objectives in the name of Christ and the Church. Any clarification of your position as reported in the above enclosed article would be appreciated - copies of speeches with usable quotes on this subject, etc. Many of us are deeply concerned about our affiliation with National and World Councils of Churches and feel that we have ground for our concern.

Also, would you offer a comment on the person and work of Major Edgar C. Bundy, Executive Secretary of the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois. He serves as a source of information and help in our effort to get these things out in the open.

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Gratefully yours,



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Ansonia Station
New York, New York 10023

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of August 4th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments as well as the support you expressed.

In response to your request, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

In addition, this Bureau does not maintain for distribution copies of testimony furnished to the Subversive Activities Control Board, an independent executive agency, the members of which are appointed by the President. You may wish to communicate with it at the Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20445.

Enclosed is some material which I trust will be of interest. There is no charge for any literature the FBI is privileged to disseminate.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
4/1/61 LEB Intro
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The address for the Subversive Activities Control Board was obtained from the current issue of the United States Government Organization Manual.

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A CHRISTIAN IS A HAND THROUGH WHICH CHRIST HELPS

NEW YORK NEW YORK 10023

August 4th, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subversive Activities Control Board
Washington, D.C.

Religion

Dear Sirs:

Incidental to investigations developed by congressional committees of the Subversive Activities Control Board, a number of persons who have professed to be ministers of the gospel have been identified as members of the Communist Party. In addition, several undercover operatives of the FBI, who have served in the Communist Party, have testified under oath respecting the directives under which they and other members of the Communist Party operated with respect to penetration of church groups.

Can you furnish me with a copy of this testimony and/or the names of the church groups and individual identified as Communist or communist controlled?

I am interested in any and all information you can and will furnish to me concerning Communism in churches.

As I do not know the cost of the materials I have requested I am trusting you will send it and bill me accordingly. Thank you.

This Subversive Activities Control Board, and in fact the entire FBI, have my full and complete support and endorsement.
Thank you for your time and service to me and to our nation.

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Yours for God and Country,

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August 19, 1964

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[Redacted]
Immanuel United Church of Christ
Herndon, Kansas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 14th has been received.

I am reassured when I read letters such as yours expressing an awareness of the problems menacing our country's future. Acknowledging the danger posed by the communist conspiracy is one great step toward protecting our national traditions.

While I would like to be of assistance to you in regard to the specific questions you asked, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the questions you asked.

I am enclosing a list of organizations designated by the Department of Justice as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450 as well as some other material which you may find helpful. You may also be interested in securing a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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List of Subversive Organizations

The Communist War Against Human Dignity

What Does the Future Hold?

Time of Testing

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to [REDACTED] or
[REDACTED] Bufiles reflect that [REDACTED] was subject of
a Security Matter-C case in 1944 and has been associated with
communists and communist front organizations and events. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, he is a
philosophy professor at Earlham College and has been described as a
radical pacifist and was allegedly a member of the National Committee
of the Church Peace Mission.

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**IMMANUEL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Phone:
Herndon 2641

August 14, 1956

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Mr. J Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO
RELIGION

Dear Sir,

With many other Americans, I share a real concern for the Communist influence in our country. Particularly am I concerned with the foothold it is gaining in our churches.

In the last edition of the Adult Sunday School quarterly put out by the United Church Press and used in our church, U.S.A. I was particularly concerned. It strongly urged that Protestants should be the ones to lead the attack in getting all religious services out of the schools including baccalaureates, Christmas pageants etc. They also advocated co-existence with the Communists, condoned inter-racial marriage and in general, expressed what I considered to be Communist propaganda.

The reason for my writing to you is this. Does the F.B.I. have a published list of known Communists and sympathizers in the National Council of Churches and other church organizations? I am particularly interested in the following:

I would also appreciate a list (if you have it) of known Communist and Communist front organizations.

Many thanks for your time and be assured that there are many Christians that share your concern for this great land of ours. May God give us the courage to stand for Him.

Immanuel Church
Herndon, Kansas

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"Only one life I'll soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last"

September 4, 1964

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[Redacted]

Atlanta 7, Georgia

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 31st, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you suggested. I have consistently emphasized, however, that the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in

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gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

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I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

'Faith In Freedom'

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning correspondent and our only outgoing to him was dated 10-31-61 in which he was furnished some reprint material. There is nothing derogatory concerning

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Atlanta, Georgia, August 31st, 1964.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

From "The Atlanta Constitution" of this date comes the enclosed clipping regarding Dr. William G. Studer, who is preacher at the Sharon Baptist Church, of Atlanta.

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Last night he preached a sermon having for its text, "Are the Communists Infiltrating the Pulpits of America?"

The preacher claimed he had names of a number of church leaders who are guilty of spreading the Communist doctrine, of which he apparently believes that "the good Samaritan concept of sharing" is a part.

While I am not a church member, I hope I am as good an American and anti-Communist as is Dr. Studer, or any other religionist, for that matter.

If it be true that many churches are now engaged in circulating Communist doctrine, I am indeed concerned.

Could you enlighten me on this subject. If you have a list of preachers guilty of this kind of un-Americanism, please let me have a copy, together with such other literature as you may have bearing on this particular matter.

Thanking you, I am,

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Yours very truly,

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Atlanta 7, Georgia.

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Reds Eying Churches, Atlanta Pastor Says

By DALE CURRY

"The Communist party has been given the green light to go ahead and concentrate on church leaders," an Atlanta minister told his congregation Sunday night.

Dr. William G. Studer, pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church, used as his evening sermon topic: "Are the Communists Infiltrating the Pulpits of America?"

He said the green light to the infiltration has resulted from "extreme pressures" upon state legislatures to refrain from investigating the clergy.

The pastor referred to a statement he attributed to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that many Communist fronts are operating under the guise of church bodies.

The pastor said some U.S. clergymen have supported Communist causes and fall within the ranks of party sympathizers, but are not card-carrying members.

"Thus they have fulfilled the Communist causes as innocent, gullible or willful allies," he declared.

The common Communist method of church infiltration, he contended, is teaching that Christians and Communists believe in the "good Samaritan" concept of sharing.

Dr. Studer said he had before

him names of ministers, writers of Sunday school literature and leaders of theological seminaries who were found to have spread Communist doctrine. He would not reveal them, however, but challenged his congregation to write to Washington for the information he had.

"No one should hide behind a clerical gown," he said. The fact that a man is a minister, he said, "should make no difference" whether he is investigated for national allegiance.

DeKalb To Air Congress Race

Candidates for DeKalb County offices and the Fourth District congressional race have been invited to speak at a political rally at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Candler Park Civic Club, 470 Candler Park Drive, Northeast.

The rally is sponsored by the DeKalb League of Women Voters.

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Post Office Box 264
Mount Vernon, Georgia 30445

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of September 22nd has been received

With respect to your inquiry, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you requested. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Enclosed is some material which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
4-1-61 LEB Intro
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The material containing quotations to which correspondent refers in all probability is the publication of Louis Cassels. Inasmuch as he does not stipulate precisely to what quotation he is referring, the comment is being ignored.

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The Methodist Church

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September 22, 1964

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
INTO RELIGION

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is being placed in the hands of our people certain literature which charges that many of our church leaders and ministers are communist or communist fronts. These charges are being made at the National Council of Churches and also The Methodist Church. Some of the material quotes you or some F.B.I. agent. Information from our church leaders say that these quotes are out of context.

If you have any information, pro or con, which can be released I sure would appreciate having it. It is difficult to discern the truth when so many "half-truths" are being circulated.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Salem, New Hampshire

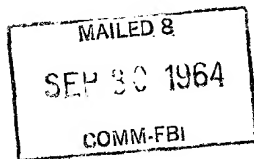
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 24th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the United Church of Christ.

Enclosed is some material which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
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One Nation's Response to Communism

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Salem, N. H.
Sept. 24, 1964

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Gentlemen;


COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO Religious

I am writing to you in behalf of my Church,
The first Cong'l Church, United Church of Christ. Salem N.H.

Some of us, particularly those who teach in
the Church School. are becoming alarmed by the very liberal,
almost Left wing, Material that is being given to us to use in our
classes. It seems to be most obvious at the high school level
and we are concerned with what impression it will make on our
young people.

Yesterday, I heard an interview on the radio,
with a man who stated that at one time the federal Bureau of
Investigation had made a study of the infiltration into the
Protestant Churches of Communism. Can you tell me if this
is true? Would you please tell me the result of this investigation
if you can? Could you give us any information which might help
us to decide whether or not to drop our membership in the
United Church of Christ?

Sincerely,


Salem,
New Hampshire

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Salem,
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October 14, 1964

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217

Dear [Redacted]

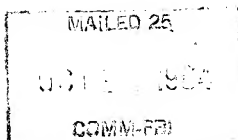
Your letter of October 7th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned. Further, no source comes to mind to which I might direct you in order to obtain the data you have requested.

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I am sending literature which I trust you will find of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
"Faith in Freedom"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4/17/62 Internal Security statement
4/1/61 LEB Intro
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

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October 7, 1964

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As an interested citizen I am making a study of communist infiltration of churches and religious organizations. I was led into this study by the accidental uncovering of questionable activities in my own church. I wish to be certain of the reliability of all sources of information. Any information you are at liberty to reveal about the below listed sources will be appreciated. However, if this cannot be done perhaps you could suggest other avenues of approach in this matter.

The sources I wish to verify are as follows:

- (1) Circuit Riders, Inc., 110 Government Place,
Cincinnati, 2, Ohio.
- (2) The Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois.
- (3) American Council of Christian Laymen, P. O. Box
1533, Madison, Wis., 53701.
- (4) Laymen's Committee of American Council of
Christian Churches, P. O. Box 8775, Pittsburg,
Penn., 1522

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Sincerely yours.

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October 15, 1964

[Redacted]

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of October 10th has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, it is contrary to my policy to offer specific advice along the lines you have mentioned. For your information, the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

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Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

4/17/62 Internal Security statement

4/1/61 LEB Intro

"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

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NOTE: Correspondent was written on 4-21-58 at which time she was not identifiable in Bufiles.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO 45206

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover-
Dear Mr. Hoover:

A few times in the past where certain questions have come up, I've written you and you've been most courteous to explain any situation- now another problem has arisen and I can't fathom the motive behind it-

In a local Episcopalian Church a new member Jewish, first gave liberally, then started creating a doubt in the members minds, that the Minister was if not Communistic, had leanings in that direction, because the Asst. Minister's wife was an active Worker in "CORE" and had to have the tacit consent of the Minister. Her constant harping has caused a deep friction in the Church, some are leaving, others refuse to support the Church. While I'm a rabid anticommunist and willing to so admit the question comes to mind, why is she doing this? Now, she having caused a feud in the one Church has gone into another and will no doubt do the same there-

If she has a sincere motive, then she is to be assisted- but I'm not sure! We need our Churches! And while I understand some churches have gone all out for integration, in an almost Sociolistic way and while I don't approve of that- We still need the Churches! And I'm on the fence as to what I should do, because I have enjoyed supporting the church quite liberally and now I hesitate: then I feel as many do. that the "Council of Churches," is questionable- I'd deeply appreciate a suggestion-

Thank you in advance for this Courtesy?

Very sincerely,

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Very sincerely,

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October 16, 1964

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Mr. Dean B. Martin
Coin, Iowa 51636

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter of October 12th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects about which you asked.

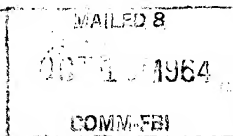
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent and Paul J. Johnston are not identifiable in Bufiles. Dr. Walter Russell Bowie was the subject of a Limited Loyalty of Government Employee investigation in 1948 for the Department of State. He has been associated with a number of communist-front organizations and was a sponsor of the National Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Coin, Iowa
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J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading two books that have named people and acts they have committed. The authors state these people are communist or are engaged in communist activities. I want to know how much of these books are proven facts, and if they would be accepted as material evidence in a legal court. The names and authors are as follows:

A Choice Not an Echo by Phyllis Schaafly
None Dare Call It Treason by John A. Stormer
A Texan Looks At Lyndon by J. Evetts Haley

I also would like information on communist activities in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches or any others you have information on. I have reason to believe a writer of Sunday School material for the Methodist may be affiliated with the communist. His name is William Russell Bowie--do you have any information on him? Also any information you have on Paul F. Johnston state Supt. of school here in Iowa would be appreciated. He is urging all counties to do away with local school boards which to me seems to give one man too much power.

Thanks. Communist INFILTRATION INTO Religion

Cordially Yours,

Dean B. Martin
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Coin, Iowa 51636

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October 19, 1964

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[Redacted]
Attorney at Law
Suite 213-215 Masonic Building
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 14th has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to furnish a statement such as you mentioned and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the individuals you named.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
4-1-61 LEB Introduction

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [Redacted] is known in Bureau files for his communist-front type of activities in the New York area. Mr. Blake is well known in Bufiles.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Suite 213-215
Masonic Building

Area Code 405
Broadway 3-6878

October 14, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 213-215 MASONIC BUILDING
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Communism and Religion

My church, the First Presbyterian Church of Shawnee, Oklahoma, is being torn asunder by elements of radicalism and I am sure without your being aware of it, you have been drawn into the controversy.

Charges have been made that two men who are in positions of leadership in the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., have been associated with Communist front organizations.

At a recent meeting of our Board of Elders, a letter from you to one of the members of our Session was read and excerpts from some of your speeches, copies of which you apparently sent with your letter, were read out of context.

I am greatly disturbed that radical elements are making such inroads in organizations like our church and that drastic retaliatory measures are taken, such as withholding payments from our church to the national church because of alleged Communist tendencies.

Frankly, I feel that it is not the Communist question, but the Civil Rights question, that is the real issue.

Would you please let me have a statement from you regarding the leaders of our church and their alleged Communist sympathies both past and present, which may be known to your organization, without of course, revealing secrets which may endanger national security? I would also appreciate having your personal comments regarding problems of this type and how they might affect our Nation.

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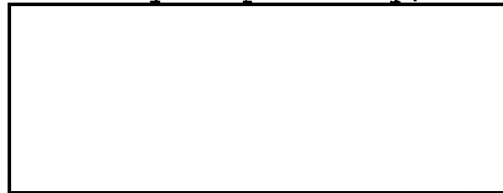
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
October 14, 1964
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The two men who are under fire directly are Eugene Carson
Blake, Stated Clerk, and [redacted] Moderator of the
United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Time is of the essence in this matter. Please let me
hear from you at your earliest convenience, as we will have
a meeting on November 4, 1964, which may result in complete
disaster for our church.

Very respectfully,



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October 21, 1964

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[Redacted]
Cornersburg Methodist Church
3898 Tippecanoe Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 16, 1964, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have a list such as you mentioned.

Enclosed is some material I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (5)
The Communist Party Line
Statement on Communism
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
The Communist Menace
The Subtle Evil

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Cornburg Methodist Church
3898 Tippecanoe Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I know of some of the infiltration of Communism in the United States. I am disturbed to hear that there is a list of 5,000 or 7,000 Christian ministers who are accused of Communist affiliations. Do you know of such a list and where I can get a copy of it? Is there any sensible answer to the accusation of these ministers being even a little "red"?

If there is any cost involved in getting a list, or this information, I will pay it, if reasonable.

I have read, and continue to read, of accusations against men who were affiliated with groups that became Communist or Socialistic. But this does not make them a Communist. I know of a lot of members of churches, even some who attend regularly, that are not Christians.

The whole idea of accusing persons is very dangerous and should not be done until concrete evidence is provided. This seems to me like condemning a person as guilty before a trial or justified evidence is provided.

In Christ's service,

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Communist INFILTRATION

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October 29, 1964

Woodstock, Virginia

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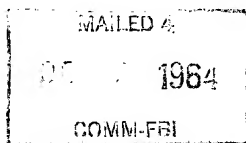
Your letter of October 26th has been received.

In response to your inquiries, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Your motives in contacting us, however, are appreciated and it is always encouraging to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing our country today. Enclosed are publications on the general topic of communism I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

Do you really understand Communism?

Deadly Duel

Keys to Freedom

The Communist Menace

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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Woodstock, Va
Oct. 26, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Communist Infiltration into Religion

I am very much concerned about the charge of communists being in or connected with our churches, & church organizations, especially in the National Council of Churches and the committee on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

I am a Sunday School Teacher and before I say too much I would like to know more of the facts concerning this charge.

I would like to know if possible, if there was an investigation of any members in either of these organizations or committees. I understand there is some connection with an Air Force Training Manual. I would like to know who it was & when, and what the charge was? Also were they, at the time, associated with either of the above organizations?

Would appreciate it very much if you would send me any information on this you possibly can or what procedure is necessary to get this information.

Yours truly,

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Woodstock, Va

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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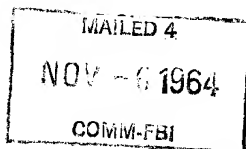
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 2nd has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing I trust you will understand why I am unable to comment as you requested. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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4-1-61 LEB Intro

Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It! Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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The United Protestant Church of Grayslake

A CONGREGATIONAL-METHODIST CHURCH

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54 SOUTH WHITNEY STREET
GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS

November 2, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

THE UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

(INCLUDES CONGREGATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN;
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED; METHODIST)
54 SO. WHITNEY GRAYSLAKE, ILL. 60030

Dear Sirs:

In recent weeks there has been literature circulated that suggests that communists have infiltrated the churches. To our knowledge this has not happened here, or in literature news, but we want to be on our guard against this happening.

Therefore, we would like to have your help in checking out the references of several of the writers of the new "Christian Studies for Methodist Children." To your knowledge, do any of these persons belong to the communist front organizations or causes, or should the work they do be suspect in any way as a part of our Christian Education literature?

The following is a listing of writers of the "Christian Studies for Methodist Children", both of the teachers manual and the student's book:

Nursery I - [redacted] Groveport Methodist Church, Ohio.
Nursery II - Teachers - [redacted] of Wichita, Kansas
Student Book, [redacted]
Kindergarten - Student Book [redacted]
Elementary I-II - Pupil Book [redacted]
Teacher Book [redacted]
Elementary III-IV - Pupil, [redacted]
Teacher, [redacted]
Elementary V-VI - Pupil [redacted]
Teacher [redacted]

United Church of Christ Curriculum material

1st. Semester, Teachers & Students, [redacted]

Mr. High: Teachers & Students, [redacted]

Middle High (Freshman & Sophomores)

1st. Semester - Teachers & Students, [redacted]

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The United Protestant Church of Grayslake
A CONGREGATIONAL-METHODIST CHURCH
54 SOUTH WHITNEY STREET
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2nd. Semester, Teachers & Students,

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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November 25, 1964

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[Redacted]
St. Joseph, Michigan

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 18th, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security program, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures, and I assure you this Bureau will continue to make every effort to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be an important target in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempt to replace our national traditions with the philosophy of communism.

Enclosed is literature I hope you will find of interest. Some of these contain suggestions as to how citizens can defend our democratic way of life against the false doctrine of communism. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." Both books may be available at your local library. I am also returning the material you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Statement on Communism 7-15-62
Communism and The Knowledge to Combat It!
America--Soviet Espionage Target # 1
The Communist Menace
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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November 18, 1964

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Sir:

I am a housewife and a christian woman, and what I have heard and read concerning Communist infiltration in our United States churches disturbs me greatly. Enclosed are samples of this.

We have obtained this material just in the last two months. Until that time we knew nothing at all of the possibility of Communist infiltration in our churches. Although we realize this could be true, my husband and I feel we need more accurate and factual information than we now have before we accept this as being true.

We will appreciate very much any information you can give us concerning this; especially anything that may have come up in the last two years.

Thank you,

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]
St. Joseph, Michigan

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Central Congregational Church

14 Crescent Street

DERRY VILLAGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

December 3, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The churches in our area have come under severe attack by ultra-conservatives who make totally unsupportable charges of communism and subversion upon the protestant clergy. We find that many of these charges are either precipitated or aggravated by Mr. Herbert Philbrick, and because of his background as a counter-spy he has an influence with many in New Hampshire which is difficult to combat.

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping of a letter written by Mr. Philbrick which illustrates his role in the present crisis. I have observed lately with much admiration your willingness to state the truth concerning several issues with frank honesty, and I would like to appeal to you to make a similar statement regarding Mr. Philbrick's remarks. I would certainly not want you to compromise your official position, but if you would write me a letter which set the issue of communist infiltration in our churches in an honest perspective, I and my fellow ministers would be deeply grateful to you. And would you please reply to Mr. Philbrick by name if you will, since many use your former endorsement of him as a very effective weapon in their charges. Thank you very

much for your help in this matter, and I remain very

Appreciatively yours,

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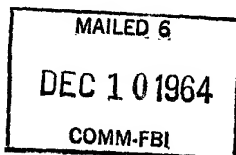
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Central Congregational Church
14 Crescent Street
Derry Village, New Hampshire

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Your letter of December 3rd, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Mr. Herbert Philbrick furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis concerning subversive activities from 1942 to 1952, for which he was compensated. He was never an employee of the FBI. His services were terminated with his appearance as a witness in the trial of the communist leaders in New York City. His personal ventures, his observations and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
Enclosures (5)

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
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DR DONALD WAITE

HIGH PRAISE FOR DERRY STAR. Dr. Donald A. Waite, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, had high praise for the fair and fearless reporting of The Derry Star in the course of a talk to three hundred persons at Grinnell School Auditorium last Saturday night. Dr. Waite's Subject was "A Critical Analysis of the National Council of Churches".

Herb Philbrick Charge Upheld

Speaking before an audience of 300 at Grinnell School on Saturday evening, Dr. Donald A. Waite, Baptist minister from Newton, Mass., not only endorsed the contents of Herb Philbrick's letter in last week's Derry Star, but spelled out further accusations of his own. He charged some NCC leaders with apostasy toward God and treason toward country.

Dr. Waite's address was an enlargement of his recent sermon in Londonderry, the gist of which was reported in The Derry Star a few weeks ago. He quoted extensively from the Communist worker to support his contention of left-wing leanings and sympathies of some NCC ministers. He also listed a number of books which people could read and see for themselves.

Commenting on "apostate"

preachers, whom he charged with wrecking religion and taking Christ out of Christianity, Dr. Waite said they had the "morals of an alley cat" and have thrown away the Ten Commandments. He accused them of preaching and teaching civil disobedience and said that some teaching material printed for the United Church of Christ condoned permissive sex, adultery, and fornication.

During the question and answer session, following his talk, Dr. Waite was asked to comment on the criticism of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover by Rev. Martin Luther King.

During the question-answer session, which followed his talk, Dr. Waite was asked to comment on Massachusetts ministers who had denounced FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for hurling a "notorious liar" charge at Rev. Martin Luther King. Dr. Waite said it was not for preachers to criticize men like J. Edgar Hoover. He brought out in his talk that Rev. King had been "cited" 22 times by the House UnAmerican Activities investigation committee.

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HERB PHILBRICK OF THREE LIVES FAME ANSWERS LOCAL LADY

FBI counter-spy speaks up!

In May, 1954, after hearing communication makes reference to the National Council of Churches, which group was recently under fire for the "left-wing" leanings of some of its clergy in a talk given at the Londonderry Methodist Church by The Reverend Dr. D.H. Wolfe of Newton, Massachusetts, a Baptist pastor.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. I believe the people of the First Church, Congregational, East Derry, N.H., and the following are very wise in thoughtfully considering the wisdom of affiliation with the United Church of Christ.

Well, you asked me a straight question, so I will give a straight answer: in my opinion, based on constant traveling the length and breadth of this land, in speaking in hundreds of churches and to thousands of Christians, I believe you have everything to lose and nothing to gain by affiliation with the United Church of Christ and the National Council of Churches.

The recent case of the United Church of Christ turning up on the wrong side of the argument about the publishing and distribution of filth and smut at U.N.H. is, also, not an isolated instance. It seems strange to many that while the United Church will defend "free speech" in the matter of pornography, it is against permitting children to pray to God in Schools.

On the "left" leanings of the National Council of Churches, there can be no question. I have quoted before, and will state again, the record shows that on every major issue, the political position of the NCC has been the same position as the Communist Criminal Conspiracy. This is not a statement of opinion, but a statement of fact, and anyone doubting it can get a copy of the check it out for themselves, same.

For example, the communists "sit crisis" in Cuba, the whole world stood solidly and enthusiastically behind Great Britain. The communists say, "trade with Red China". The communists say, "Admit Red China into the United Nations". The NCC says the same.

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They object to people to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Savior; but I do not believe this is now being done by the churches working together for the common purpose of bringing people to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Savior; but I do not believe this is now being done by the churches working together for the common purpose of bringing people to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

I believe, in our Protestant NCC. If you wish to affiliate, you might look into the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Ill.

Cordially,
Herbert A. Philbrick
P.O. Box 97
North Hampton, N.H.

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REC- 11

December 16, 1964

[Redacted]
Derry, New Hampshire 03038

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of December 10th, with enclosures, and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and for your kind sentiments about my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

As you have indicated, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

It was most thoughtful of you to bring your views of the problems facing your church to our attention, and I am enclosing some literature which I trust will be of assistance to you. Included in this material is a copy of a speech given by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan before the Highland Park Methodist Church on October 19, 1961, in Dallas, Texas, which clearly sets forth the FBI's position in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"Communism and Religion in the United States" by Assn't Dir. William C. Sullivan
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

Correspondent and [Redacted] editor of local paper, are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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December 10, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, *Comm. to J. Edgar Hoover*

I understand information in your file is confidential and available for official use only; however I'm sending this in for a matter of record.

The newspaper editor of one of our local newspapers has quoted you and I'm forwarding his Editorial. The editor's name is [redacted] he resides at [redacted] Derry, N. H. His paper has been, shall we say left leaning at times, but what I'd like you to check on, if you don't know already is:

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When he was at University of Ohio he was indited as a communist agent and nearly went to jail. About 3 years ago he, [redacted] went behind the iron curtain. He was mixed up in Council of World Affairs in Durham, N. H.

I don't know how true any of this is, but know you can find out.

Here in Derry we're trying to keep our 1st Church Congregational, of East Derry from joining the United Church of Christ which is under the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. If you don't know anything about the Sunday School literature the United Church of Christ wants our children to use, see me! We have their 1963-1964 preferred Sunday School literature and if it isn't backed by communist ideas I don't know what is.

If you have any literature available on communist infiltration in relegion or schools I would appreciate it. I enjoyed your book "Masters of Deceit." I wish more people would read it. Hope I haven't taken too much of your time.

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God Bless You for All You've Done.

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Derry, N. H.
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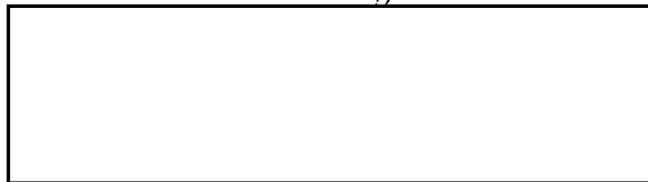
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**Member N. E. Weekly
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THE DERRY NEWS

Established in Derry Village
December 3, 1880

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Conrad L. Quimby
Editor & Publisher

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John Vadeboncoeur
Assistant Publisher

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The Derry News welcomes all news items. However, telephone numbers, prices of tickets or from whom they may be purchased must be omitted. Those would have to go into an ad.

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Furore in at East Derry church

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of our local papers, have been reported as headline news, we would like it clearly understood that those who were seeking the resignation of the minister did not invite the press to either the church service or the church meeting.

The real issue, as was stated last Tuesday evening, is that the majority of the church members (83-43) do not want to join the United Church of Christ. The minister has clearly stated that the United Church of Christ is all that he knows.

The minister's appeal on last Tuesday evening was that WE were not cooperating with him; however, we feel that when the

majority of the church members do not want to join the United Church of Christ it would be up to the minister to do the cooperating and carry out the wishes of the majority or go to a church where the members are of a like mind.

Our main objection to the United Church of Christ is the religious material and churches across the nation and in Canada have objected to it. We want to continue to use the Bible-believing Sunday School material we are now using.

A prominent Derry businessman spoke at our meeting stating that over four years ago he had been a superintendent of a

church Sunday School using the United Church of Christ material and it was good. We are objecting to the 1963 - 1965 material which is entirely new and different. We have the objectionable material if anyone cares to inspect it.

We were criticized for calling a meeting to dismiss a minister, but usually a minister's prime concern is to promote and create a Christian atmosphere among ALL of his members. We can hardly say this is the case of First Church when we have been told by the minister that his "minority are the Christians".

Are we too 'square'?

This week, a delegation of parishioners from First Church Congregational of East Derry visited the Derry Star office to enlighten us on an unfortunate schism and to explain why they are opposing any affiliation with the United Church of Christ or-

ganization. To explain their position, they left with us a big bundle of UCC "teaching aids". The following "religious" poem is from Youth Magazine on April 14, 1963. The magazine is "prepared for the young people of the United Church

of Christ" and used in children's Sunday School. It is not yet being used at the East Derry church. Possibly, this is literature, and we're not sufficiently sophisticated for the 20th century, but this strikes us as sacrilegious. What's your opinion?

This is Christianity?

*U.C.C. Minister's
Poster of
1st Church
Congregational
East Derry*

SOMETIME DURING ETERNITY

Sometime during eternity
and one of them
who shows up real late
from some square-type place
and he starts wailing
to who made heaven
who really laid it on us
And moreover
he adds
It's all writ down
which some henchmen
a long time ago
for a couple thousand years or so
nineteen hundred and fortyseven
to be exact
nobody really believes them
You're hot
And they cool him
They stretch him on the Tree to cool
And everybody after that
of this Tree
and always crooning His name
and sit in
as if he is the king cat
or they can't quite make it
Only he don't come down
Him just hang there
on His Tree
and real cool
according to a roundup
from the usual unreliable sources
Sometime during eternity
some guys show up
is a kind of carpenter
like Galilee
and claiming he is hep
and earth
and that the cat
is his Dad
on some scroll-type parchments
leave lying around the Dead Sea somewhere
and which you won't even find
or at least for
of them
and even then
or me
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is always making models
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and also
of late world news
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—Lawrence Ferlinghetti

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ons, ironing boards, brooms, sewing thread, pins, needles, old sewing machines and washing machines, even mouse and rat traps, pots and pans, and of course, toys for the children.

Since Father Shea had been designated "Project Officer" for this Operation Lifeline, things are now moving into high gear. So far in the Viet Nam village, the military men have piped water from 2 wells to a 2000 gal. storage tank, and have chlorinated the supply. Just think how much water they must have had to carry for about 600 orphans. They also put electric lights and screening in the infants ward. They brought the orphans to the base for Christmas dinner and gave them toys last year, and the base physician has examined and inoculated all children.

Now it is your turn, so much more needs to be done that the men cannot do. At the present time there are 2 orphanages and a nursery, plus the poor, and lepers at this little village. The Sacred Heart Orphanage is operated by the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul, and they have over 400 orphans there, many of whom lost their parents during the French Indo-China war. The Nursery is operated by the same sisters and has 75 infants, many legitimate orphans, others abandoned by their parents or unwed mothers. Some have been found in back alleys, railroad cars, even garbage cans, and most all are girls. The second orphanage is conducted by the Rev. Mr. Smith, minister, under the auspices of the local Protestant churches. They have 40 boys and girls of varying religious affiliation and ethnic backgrounds. Then there are the lepers who need medicine, and the very poor villagers who also need help. Fr. Shea was recently home

for a while, and he found another who was seriously ill with a heart attack. Fortunately Mr. Shea recovered, and Fr. Shea has returned to Viet Nam. The stories Fr. Shea told of the incredible conditions is heart breaking. Infants sleeping on uncovered slabs of cribs, the cribs made by the military men, but no sheets or blankets available, and this is better than what they formerly had. Those of us who know Fr. Shea's great love for children, can understand why he seemed to have grown much older in one year, he is trying so hard to help all these unfortunate people.

There is no doubt now, that the organization of Operation Lifeline will move quickly to help him achieve his goal, so many good people are so anxious to help.

A committee in Londonderry, under the General Chairman Mrs. Rita Childs, includes Mr. and Mrs. George Thibault, (and Geo. will use his truck for transporting large articles,) Mrs. Alice Paquin, Mrs. Helen Poitras, and Mrs. Esther Manning. Any of the above named will gladly accept anything to be sent on Operation Lifeline, transportation will be furnished. If you prefer to donate money to be used for food or medicine, make it payable to Fr. John Shea, and mail to Mrs. Rita Childs, So. Mammoth Rd, Man., (Lon.).

I think you can donate something, anything, to this worthy cause you'll have a happier Christmas. Fr. Shea has asked nothing for himself, but we know he loves music and records, also he is fond of sports, and has had a Sports Field Day, something they never had before.

If you are in doubt what to give, call any of the above com-

Hamilton of Derry, also Mrs. Anne Dutton of Derry. We'll keep you posted on progress.

LON. HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The annual meeting of the N.H. Association of Historical Societies, will be held at the Concord Historical Society building, Sat., Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. before the Workshop and regular meeting.

Still Active

The Derry Star has learned that the School Needs Survey Committee, which has been studying the problem for two years on a School Meeting mandate, is still active and holding meetings. It is expected that committee findings and recommendations will be completed by mid-November when the report will be finalized. The committee report is supposed to be presented at the School District Meeting in March.

Second Son

A son, Charles Russell Laney, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Laney of New Orleans, La., at Marero-Jefferson General Hospital. "Bob", a Derry native and 1947 Pinkerton Academy graduate, has been a sales executive with Trans-World Airlines for a number of years, and is presently connected with the New Orleans office. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Laney still live in Derry. Bob's wife, the former Stephanie Russell, for whose father the baby has been named, is an Atlanta, Georgia, native. Their first son, Robert M., was named for his Derry grandfather.



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KEN DAVIS TAKES ISSUE WITH MRS. PARTINGTON

To The Editor
of The Derry Star

Dear Sir:

~~This letter is in response to~~
Mrs. Partington's communication in your October 29 issue.

As a member of the East Derry Congregational Church, I can assure you and all your readers that Mr. Conrad Quimby was most welcome to be present at our October 27 Special Meeting, as were forty or so other non-members who shared that important occasion with us.

A good strong growing Church such as ours is community-wide in its interest and influence.

Our neighbors are not "outsiders". When a controversial situation arises affecting such a vital institution, all citizens should be concerned. Their desire to observe developments first-hand is sincere and constructive.

Mr. Quimby's accurate reporting has been accomplished in a spirit of fairness, and his published accounts of events have had a clarifying effect. We hope there will be more of it.

Kenneth Davis
North Shore Road
Derry, N.H.

P.S. As of noontime today, Mr. Quimby had received neither the original nor a copy of the undated missive which you ran on your October 29 page 1 addressed to him by Mrs. Laurice Partington.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Laurice Partington, for many years, has been a greatly respected member of the Derry community, and The Derry Star has utmost confidence in her integrity and in her word. We do not feel the same way about Mr. Quimby. If his alleged report of the Church meeting were accurate and unbiased, why did he permit only the side he favored to be heard; and why have our telephones been clanging constantly from angry parishioners pleading for an opportunity to be heard? We agree with what Rev. Schumm is quoted as saying, "Freedom is at stake here". We remind him and all others that freedom is for everyone!

* DAN O'CONNELL

Editor's Note: The following statement has been released by a group of parishioners from First Church Congregational of East Derry protesting the conduct of last week's church meeting and re-affirming strong opposition to any affiliation with the United Church of Christ. They also brought with them to The Derry Star some UCC "school teaching material" for our perusal. Some of it seems to be "far out".)

In regard to the recent problems that have arisen at First Church which, through the lack of discretion on the part of one

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ONE YEAR AGO

NOVEMBER 7, 1963. New book
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nium, we are hopeful that the local
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come concerned with more mundane
also matter. Unfortunately, we cannot
that this much desired change will
pass. News is not made; it happens.
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Political shenanigans provide rich
editorial writers and cartoonists are
intellectual exercises for readers and
They are, or ought to be, a season-
gence, like hunting or fishing. More a-
the year is required these days for
working purposes to support the po-
the manner to which they have beco-
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people must get reprieve from the
kick occasionally to rustle up a bit
in the marts of trade and commerce.

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and business folk could afford a lei-
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and demand took care of everything
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were filled, sellers could afford to
and wait for the needs to exist again.

Those days, unhappily, are gone for-
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Chesley L. Derry, 67, former
Derry resident, father of Mrs.
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time manager of Hood Farm
here and later manager of State
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CHESTER BUTCHER

Selectmen Pick Former Bristol Man For
Patrolman in Derry Police Department

Derry Chief of Police Robert Berube announced yesterday the appointment of Chester Butcher, 29 Fairview Avenue, to the position of Patrolman upon unanimous approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager after interviewing the top three candidates for this position Tuesday evening.

It was the opinion of the town officials and the chief that the decision was a very difficult one to make as all three candidates were highly qualified.

The new patrolman and his family moved to Derry two years ago from Bristol, New Hampshire. He is married to the former Mary Morrill of Bristol and the couple have a three month old son, Thomas Wayne.

Butcher was discharged from the Navy in September having been a Machine Gun Mate 2nd Class aboard the "Blondy," a destroyer whose home port is Newport, Rhode Island. Prior to his appointment the officer was employed in general farming in Hill, N.H. He will begin his duties, according to Berube, on December 20, at a starting salary of \$14,000 per week.

Butcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown of 22 Everett St., Derry and has one sister, Mrs. Wente Boggs who presently resides with her parents while awaiting her husband's discharge from the Navy.

Santa Is Coming

HEY KIDS! Young and Old. Santa Claus is coming to Town. He will put in an appearance this coming Saturday, December 12th at 4 p.m. Santa will be heralded up Broadway with the trumpets and bugles of the Space Town Cadeis and will be graciously welcomed to Derry by Miss Labor Day of 1964, lovely Mrs. Mary Flanders.

The Christmas Parade will start at the Police Station and proceed up Broadway and then return. After the parade and each day until Christmas Santa will be available to interview good little girls and boys in the parking lot of the First National Bank from 4 to 6 p.m. and will have candy for all the little ones.

As added attractions for downtown visitors in Derry during the pre-Christmas season there will be daily carolling from the town of Adams Memorial Hall near the new Creche commencing December 16 at 8 p.m.

According to Mrs. Herman DeYoung, Club Chairman of the project, the Street Adellens will sing on December 18 at 7:30, and on December 23 two groups from the Catholic Church will sing at 7:30. Also signed up to sing Christmas Carols, but not yet scheduled are the Rainbow Girls, Girl Scouts, VFW Juniors and several church choirs.

Visitors to downtown will find that the expanded Christmas lighting of Derry, clocked in the new snow fall, represents settings in any town in New England. Added grace is to be given to the Nativity scene in front of the Town Hall when the Derry Garden Club takes on the project of landscaping and further decorating the Creche.

Derry stores are brimming over with Christmas gifts and downtown merchants are delighted over the prospect of one of the busiest and merriest holiday seasons in recent memory. The over-all Christmas program has been prepared by the Greater Derry Chamber of Commerce under the chairmanship of George Saville of the Derry Cooperative Bank.

Town Adds New
Snow Equipment

The town's newly acquired \$6500 re-built snowblower arrived at the town sheds yesterday, and according to Town Manager Jacobs is ready to go with the next storm.

Jacobs also reports that his recently ordered new Bombardier sidewalk snow plow is due to arrive momentarily. This new sidewalk plow will give the Highway Department three plows which is expected to open sidewalks in Derry earlier than has been the practice in the past. A new salt shed will be completed this Friday in the vicinity of the town's pump-in station. The new shed will permit purchase of larger quantities of road salt.

24 Free Turkeys Available
In Derry Stores This Week

Twenty-four lucky people will take home a free turkey or a Ken Ray Laszarskas (look for 16 in ad) during the Home Food Kitchens the Win-A-Turkey Contest to be Family Dinner.

The Derry Village Store, Shamrock, Cleaners

First National Store

Super Save Market

The drawing in most stores

will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday,

Dec. 19. There are only two

exceptions to this rule, Mer-

mac Farmers will draw their

winning coupon at 12 a.m. Sat-

urday since they close Saturday

afternoon and Bartlett's Grocery

Store which will hold their

drawing at 9 p.m. Saturday Dec-

ember 19th.

All winners will be notified

by Monday noon, December 19th

and the names of the winners

will be published in THE DERRY

NEWS on Monday, Dec. 21st.

Anyone may enter the contest

who is over 18 years of age

without purchasing any item.

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girls and boys in the parking lot
of the First National Bank

LEONARD WIDBERLEY'S DELIGHT-
FUL COMEDY "THE MOUSE THAT
ROARED", will be presented by the Senior
Class of Finkerton Academy on tonight and
Saturday. The performance will be held at
the Shepard Auditorium, Finkerton Academy,
Derry Village at 8 p.m. both evenings.

The production is under the direction of
Miss Ann R. Garand, a member of the fac-
ulty. Pictured, left to right, during rehearsal:
Peter Davenport; Gary Greenwood,
Bruce Fellows, Roger Cummings, and Den-
na Bromski. Seated, Judith Simpson and David Hatch.

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Editorial

Comment on Rev. Donald Waite and the Contemporary Church in America

Now that the Manchester Union Leader, and other less notable publications together have offered their "journalistic" support to the two recent broadsides unleashed by Rev. Donald A. Waite of Newton, Mass. in his Derry attack against the bulk of the Protestant churches in America, including their clergymen, their concepts of contemporary Christianity and even the intelligence of their congregations we feel that we might not be setting a precedent if we were to comment on the matter further ourselves.

Up to now, we have withheld editorial comment of any sort because we felt that it would only be fair to let the infamous Dr. Waite utter his views without harassment from us. But now that he has challenged the moral standards and depth of Christianity shared by most of us, we feel that his remarks suggest a response. However let it be understood that we do not quarrel with Dr. Waite's right to speak, we only challenge his slashing technique and his ideas.

And we respond not on a theological plain, for this is not our training; yet we shall not maliciously imply either, as did the speaker, that if our analysis of him parallels the definition of a fascist that this necessarily designates him as one. Although Waite made the same insidious comparison between the National Council of Churches and the Communist Party.

So let's take a look at Rev. Donald Waite, whose "church" is pictured elsewhere on this page, a church which doubles as his home where his congregation of 25 men, women and children gather Sundays when the pastor is not out on assignment for Robert Welch, President of the John Birch Society, whom he serves as a fulltime paid Executive Assistant.

We might start with an area that should interest Catholics. Dr. Waite, in his own printed literature, designates his Faith Baptist Church as affiliated with the disreputable, American Council of Christian Churches. Here are some comments taken in full context from the Council's own publication No. 112 under a sub-title: *The Perils of Roman Catholicism*: "The menace of Roman Catholicism in our land is hardly less than that of godless communism. The work of the American Council of Christian Churches is designed to protect our Protestant heritage and freedom against the threat from Roman Catholicism. . . . Rome is a more ancient and stronger foe of Protestants than is atheistic communism." Rev. Waite lectures for this Council.

About such insinuations the FBI has recently had a few words. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is concerned about the self-appointed "vigilantes" who, in the name of "anti-communism" may play right into the hands of the communists. According to a statement from Hoover's office recently:

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant churches in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influ-

America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale." So says the FBI.

Rev. Waite has every right to his opinion, and every right to speak. But we, in turn, have every right to challenge this opinion, and we do most critically. As we said when we started, theological issues we understand only most casually, however through day-to-day problems of practical living we understand well. And we know we understand that if the church in America is to have any influence at work on the lives and attitudes of its peoples, an influence that will help us to sustain ideals and freedom in these demanding times, then this church must fill a role that is relevant to the world around us.

It must be a church that will help us to live in the special kind of world we have in 1964, not in the fairytale world of kings and idols and ancient times long ago gone by. And for legends of any kind we have none in America, yesterday, today or tomorrow.

When asked Nov. 13 before an Attleboro, Mass. audience if he supported these statements, he replied: "I am not one who hates Catholics." And he said that times have changed since these statements were published. Yet his church, unlike member churches in the American Baptist Convention, which Waite was tossed out of because he incited a riot in his former Emmanuel Baptist Church in Newton, which also removed him, still claims affiliation with the ACCC. And this bigoted group states in a recent publication: "Roman Catholicism, a Satanic system not built on Christ and the Bible, but on Peter and Mary, and whose hands are drenched in the blood of the martyrs through all the history of the Church to this very day."

Now Baptists might be interested in this recent comment made about Rev. Waite by Dr. Paul Sturges, leading Baptist figure in Massachusetts: "Rev. Waite . . . is pastor of an independent Baptist Church in Newton, Mass. He has no standing whatsoever in the Mass. Baptist Convention." Rev. Waite is quoted in the Providence Journal as telling his Attleboro audience that the American Baptist Convention, which represents the bulk of the Baptist Churches in the U. S., is a "totally Communist-orientated" organization, although he later referred to it as "a true liberal group . . . with Communist sympathies."

This is the same man who had the gall to tell his Derry audience that Derry ministers were "yellow" because they wouldn't debate with him . . . just as if the Catholic and Protestant churches need to defend themselves from this kind of comment.

This is the man who said that "some of the preachers of the National Council of Churches have the morals of an alley cat."

And this is the man who lifted his eyebrows in innocence and said: "I am not saying that the NCC is communistic. But line up the program of the NCC and take up the positions, questions and pushings of the communist party, and they line up in many

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December 22, 1964

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Amory, Mississippi 38821

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 16, 1964, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiries.

The FBI does not have any booklet of the type you mentioned; however, enclosed is some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely

4/61 Introduction to LEB

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hoover I have trusted Jesus Christ since the age of 15. I'm aware of the menace of communism to replace that way in the lives of many.

I understand some matter has been released concerning the Russian churches and that through them are influencing other churches of other nations. I understand this is a new release (or booklet). Will you send me a copy? Any other material of the use of ministers, schools of religion, sects, by communists will be welcome.

If possible will you state a list of denominations (especially in my state or area) in which communists are serving as ministers or mere members, such as Disciples, Missionary, Primitive, Free-will Baptists, Church of Christ methodists Seventh-day adventists, Presbyterian, Holiness, Jehovah Witness. The manner in which their work can be spotted once it is in operation.

Yours very truly,

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January 5, 1965

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The Methodist Church
Polk, Nebraska

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of December 28th, and
I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in me.

With respect to your inquiries, information in the
files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance
with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for
official use only. Further, it is contrary to my policy to comment
on material not prepared by me or personnel of this Bureau. There-
fore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment
along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either
that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you
mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Our Heritage of Greatness
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
4-1-61 LEB Intro
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The article he
mentioned as appearing in "Baptist Standard" was not identifiable in Bufiles
due to the lack of information available. No record could be located for
correspondence between the FBI and this publication.

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The Methodist Church
Polk, Nebraska

Dec. 28, 1964

Mr Edgar J Hoover
FBI
Washington D. C

Dear Mr Hoover;

We have been reading an article in the Baptist Standard which appears under your name, and we take off our hat to you. You really preach better than many ministers I have heard and are more loyal to Judea-Christian Faith. I agree with you that our true Christian faith adhered to as Communists do to their ideology would spell doom to Communism. But the trouble is many ministers have departed from this faith. We are led to believe that some Methodist ministers are involved in helping Communism either unwittingly or wittingly. Our Bishop Cepeland says all the charges that Communism has infiltrated the Methodist clergy and the National Council of Churches is false. Can you give me definite conclusions from FBI investigations. I want to be loyal to my church and not speak against it if it is not guilty, but if it is I want to know it so I can warn the people of my parish. I have been a Methodist pastor nearly 25 years, and I am considering leaving the church with only 3 years remaining till I would draw my pension. But if the church is not guilty of countenancing Communistic ideology, then I want to stay and do my best to strengthen my churches.

Hoping to hear from you soon as we have a meeting of local ministers which plans to consider the books "We Dare Call It Treason" by Mr Sterner and "Collective In The Churches" by Major Edgar Bundy, we want to know if you can tell us are these books authoritative to use.

Sincerely yours,

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January 4, 1965

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[Redacted]
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

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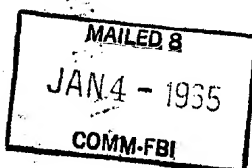
I received your letter of December 24th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your kind wishes and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type and information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I assure you neither I nor representatives of the Bureau have "attacked" any group such as you mentioned.

In connection with this, I am enclosing a copy of the speech delivered by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan before the Highland Park Methodist Church on October 19, 1961, in Dallas, Texas, in order that you may read it in its entirety. In addition, I am enclosing a series of articles prepared for "Christianity Today" which includes the other article [Redacted] mentioned, along with other literature distributed by this Bureau which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (6)

1. Assistant Director's speech
2. The Communist Menace
3. 'Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism'
4. Let's Fight Communism Sanely
5. 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
6. 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning [Redacted] and [Redacted] was thanked by outgoing 11-30-64 for his support of the Director and the Bureau.

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DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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December 24 1964

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After retiring as General Secretary of the United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, I served as visiting professor of Christian Education in Theological Seminaries and am, currently, guiding a ten denomination program to improve ministers' salaries.

Both in Texas, where I taught for a while, and, since coming into this work I have been distressed by statements, such as this man makes in his letter, indicating that you and your agents are consistently attacking the major Protestant Churches.

I am sure that your statements are distorted or quoted out of context, but I seldom receive a piece of literature vilifying the churches that it does not quote or misquote you or your associates in the F.B.I.

What shall I say to these people? Where do men like this get the idea that the F.B.I. can be used as the special weapon for their attacks?

I regret to disturb you with this kind of a letter for I am well aware of the strains and tensions that attend the kind of work you have been doing so effectively through the years.

With all good wishes for you in the year ahead,
I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

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BRITT, MINNESOTA

December 19 1964

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Clergy Support Project
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My dear [REDACTED]

I have your communication of the 7th instant relative to my own communication of the 28th ultimo directed to the Department of the Ministry. It would appear, from the tenor of your communication that, for some reason or other, you have entirely missed the point. It is not that I have any objection to supporting the ministry of the gospel, which I fully intend to so pursue, but that, in so doing there are many questions which I think require answer, any, and / or all of which are contained in my previous communication. To answer these questions is not just the simple matter of answering one simple communication, or one tenet of the entire communication, but requires a rather thorough study of the entire profession of the clergy. For instance, what goes on in the classrooms of some of the seminaries in the teaching of theology? Who are some of the teachers? Just what do they teach, and how do they teach it? And I might ask if you know who were the Bible scholars, translators, and theologians who produced the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible? I might even suggest that you read in its entirety the 90 minute speech of Mr. William C. Sullivan, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as delivered at the Highland Park Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas, on October 19, 1961, and not just one or two paragraphs of the same. That might give some insight into my thinking.

And in connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation I would like to direct your attention to a series of articles in a fundamental church publication called Christianity Today, entitled Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit, by J. Edgar Hoover, under date of October 24 1960. I am enclosing a very recent clipping of an article by Mr. Hoover, q.v. dealing with the very recent outbreak of communistic activity among certain American students, and others. I invite your attention to that. And, in that same connection I would ask, as I did in my previous communication, why is it that in teaching the brotherhood of man one must neglect a most important principle, i.e. love of our country and all it stands for, - in other words, Patriotism? What has happened to the Church, as the bulwark of our civilization, that it no longer teaches, as did the Church in the time of our forefathers, that patriotism, also, involves an abiding faith in the Supreme Being?

I can cite much, much more, but can also suggest that you have not given any clear answer to any of my questions. More thought is needed.

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Very sincerely [REDACTED]

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January 25, 1965

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Otisco, Indiana

Informant

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 16th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I have communicated with [redacted] the FBI does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why the FBI is not in a position to issue a statement as you have implied.

In addition, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

"Our Heritage of Greatness"

Correspondent's envelope

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Attached is a copy of the letter apparently referred to by correspondent. In view of the continuing controversy about the penetration of communism into churches, the above answers are deemed appropriate without specifically countermanding [redacted] who is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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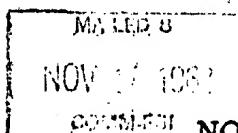
Dear Dr. Bullock:

Today Assistant Director William C. Sullivan transmitted to me your letter of November 15, 1962, with the enclosed articles. It was thoughtful of you to write to me as you did and I certainly agree with you concerning the seriousness of the conflict between communism, religious faith and the democracy of our country. There must never be any accommodation of our political and religious traditions to communism.

It is very encouraging to me to learn of the increasing amount of literature exposing communism emanating from the Methodist Church and its related organizations. Your great Church, with its far-flung educational and social institutions, is in a position to make a substantial and lasting contribution to the defeat of communism. I feel confident that this will be done.

This global struggle is essentially spiritual in nature. Therefore, no clergymen or Christian laymen can avoid it. On the contrary, there is the need for all of us to engage ourselves rationally and constructively in this struggle, persevering until communism is overcome by vastly superior thinking and living.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: See memo W.C. Sullivan to Belmont dated 11/27/62 re

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

Dear Sirs:

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There was once published an article stating that 32 Methodist Bishops were "card carrying communists". This statement was published in news papers about 1949. To my knowledge there has never been any statement to the contradict this. Dr. Henry M. Bullock of Nashville, Tenn. has circulated a letter from your office, over the signature of J. Edgar Hoover, and dated 11-28-62, to substantiate his claim of "no communism in the Methodist Church".

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Any information you can supply on this subject will be greatly appreciated and used to the best of my ability.

Sincerely

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February 25, 1965

[Redacted]
Pensacola, Florida 32503

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 20th has been received.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been told that there are about 8000 Ministers in our Protestant pulpits who, unknown to their congregations, are Communists. Also that funds are being supplied by Russia to put already converted American students through our seminaries, to constantly increase the number.

At first this seemed incredible. Then I began hearing about various church members who questioned the sayings and teachings of the Bible. This would certainly indicate that some influence is at work hoping to eventually destroy our belief in God.

Is there anything in writing I could obtain which would confirm the Communist infiltration of our churches? Some people demand proof of everything, and I would sure like to be able to furnish it.

Thanking you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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February 26, 1965

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Okmulgee, Oklahoma

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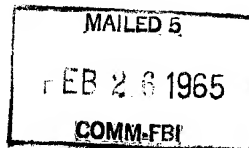
Your letter of February 19th, with enclosure, has been received, and I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan has made many public appearances where he discussed the topic of communism and religion. Some of his statements may have been taken out of context as is the case in the publication you forwarded to me. The statements attributed to him are obviously incomplete. I am enclosing material pertaining to Mr. Sullivan's remarks concerning the topics, "Communism and Religion" and "Christianity and Communism," which contains his views on these subjects.

It has always been my belief that people well versed in religious concepts more easily detect the menace of Godless communism and become archenemies of those who believe in this evil philosophy. It is through a thorough understanding of communism that one can best protect our Nation from this threat and I am sending some additional material which I hope you will find of interest.

While I would like to be of further assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the publications about which you inquired.

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**"Communism and Religion" Given by William C. Sullivan at Cincinnati, Ohio,
on February 22, 1961**

**"Christianity and Communism" Given by William C. Sullivan at Wesleyan
College, Macon, Georgia, on September 26, 1963.**

The Communist Party, USA

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

Guidelines for a Civilization in Peril

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**NOTE: Bufiles reflect that we have had prior correspondence with this
individual in 1962, at which time she was not identifiable in Bufiles. She
was sent material regarding communism, none of which has been duplicated
with this letter. In her letter in 1962, she enclosed clippings of letters
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Okmulgee, Okla.
February 19, 1965

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Religion

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Our own [redacted] tells us, repeatedly that all we need to do to fight communism is to join the Methodist Church, and voices his disapproval of our support of anti-communist movements.

As for myself, I read the American Legion's Firing Line, M. G. Lowman's Circuit Riders' publications and the Dan Smoot Reports. Do these publications meet with your approval?

Also, I have a number of books which I share with all who will take time to read, including those by Fred Schwarz, Herbert Philbrick and [redacted]

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I have bought your "Masters of Deceit" in quantities for distribution. In fact, I keep myself poor-financially speaking-just buying books and materials for distribution, but it is slow work and very discouraging in the face of the ever-increasing drive against the so-called "right-wing-extremists"- from the president of the U. S. A. on down the line including certain Theology Professors in our institutions of learning.

What can a mere handful of we Methodists do? Will greatly appreciate any suggestions you may have to offer. 10 MAR 4 1965

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Yours sincerely
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February 18, 1965

OUR ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS was very much in evidence around the church on its second Sunday. Here is the score at the end of the second Sunday (6 Services):

Group I A-C	GROUP II D-J	GROUP III K-P	Group IV Q-Z
Paul Boguski		Dave Lackey	Joe Stone
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593 points.	527 points	677 points	845 points

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One hundred eleven people were in Sunday School or in Church last Sunday who were not present the previous Sunday. Yet, the actual gains in attendance were very small. That means that about a hundred people present the first Sunday were absent last Sunday. Those absent for just one Sunday will not be able to make that last one hundred points for their Group. This emphasis is based upon the increasing value found in regular attendance.

Organization of the various Groups is progressing nicely. Captains in Group III are listed as follows by Leader, Dave Lackey: Mrs. Gordon Kane, Mrs. JoRena Langdon, Mrs. Mabel McCallister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McVay, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Orr, Mrs. Sam Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pugsley. This looks like a group of strong leaders; they are already working hard.

CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 316, the highest since Record Sunday on November 22. We anticipate increases in our Church School attendance for the next several Sundays. Come and be a part of that increase. If all individuals who were in Sunday School the last two Sundays had been present the same Sunday, our attendance would be around the 400 mark. It would be that easy.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE last Sunday was much better attended than usual and every one present felt a spirit of enthusiasm and satisfaction just because of the good attendance. So let's keep it up for the next ten Sundays.

E. T. Coopridner

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District Meeting

Ministers of this district, and their wives, will be meeting at First Methodist Church, Muskogee, next Tuesday, February 23 - 2:00 - 4:00 P. M.

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Wesleyan Service Guild

Last in the series of joint studies with WSCS on U. S. and New Nations next Wednesday at 7:30 in the church parlor

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Our Stewardship Sunday, February 14

Sunday School Attendance.....	316	81% enrollment
Morning Worship.....	269	1081 members absent
Offering to current expense.....	\$852.95	
Offering to building fund.....	\$109.00	

* Library Notes

Ours is a Serve-Yourself Library. The location in the east end of the parlor makes it possible to have the library open whenever the church is open. The room is so arranged that anyone dropping in when the librarian is not on duty is reasonably sure, by way of the card catalog and the labelled shelves, of finding what he needs.

Most of the books are memorials. The church has not set up a fund for buying books except as memorials for members, so it is necessary for the borrower to realize his responsibility to return the books when due, or renew them - and to guard against loss of the books.

Librarians are on duty from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and between Sunday School and Church hours.

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Altar Flowers

This Sunday - in memory of the Reverend and Mrs. M. L. Butler, by their daughters, Mrs. Ralph H. Ellison, Mrs. E. P. Kilgore and Mrs. John L. Allen

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WCS Notes

Circles will meet next Tuesday

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| 1 - Mrs. E. T. Coopridner
Parsonage | 9:30 a.m. |
| 2 - Mrs. Glenn Fidler
1225 South Delaware | 9:30 a.m. |
| 3 - Mrs. Roy Belford
1429 East Eighth | 1:30 p.m. |
| 4 - Church Parlor | 1:30 p.m. |
| 5 - Mrs. Mark Flater
711 East Sixteenth | 1:30 p.m. |
| 6 - Mrs. Frank Tozer
1713 East Twelfth | 9:30 a.m. |

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Conference-Wide Mid-Year Planning Meeting

Lloyd Laughlin, Associate District Lay Leader, will be at Camp Egan this weekend for this meeting of District Lay Leaders and their associates

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Missions Memo

"The mission field is any place where belief in Jesus Christ meets unbelief....."
- Tracey K. Jones

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* Boy Scout Notes *

The Boy Scout program from its beginning has had a very close relationship with the Methodist Church. Methodist ministers became the Scoutmasters of many of the early troops.

The Methodist Church leads all religious faiths and denominations in the number of units sponsored by local congregations. At the end of 1964 there were 4,573 Cub packs, 7,473 Boy Scout troops, and 2,427 Explorer units in the Methodist Church - a total of 14,473 units. More than 126,000 laymen are providing this leadership.

Scouts who are Methodists also lead in the number receiving the God and Country emblem. At the present time, we have eight boys meeting with the minister each Monday afternoon, working toward this award. A visit to Good-Will Industries is scheduled for the next meeting.

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Harmony Class Notes

The Harmony Class has voted to purchase robes for the Junior Choir. The selection is being studied and they will be ordered soon.

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Local Church Commissions

Planning meeting for 1965-66 Conference Year and finalizing 1964-65 business - next Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center

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Officials For This Sunday

<u>Ushers</u>	- Dan Arnold
	John A. W. Anderson
	Joe Bass
	John Crooch
	Reg McClish
	Glen Orr
	H. T. Wood

Greeters - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards

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Gift Stars

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Stainless steel for the kitchen requires
15 books
We have almost 3

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Methodism vs Communism

William C. Sullivan of Washington, D. C., F. B. I., Director in charge of domestic intelligence, reports that "the protestant ministers have been the greatest force for helping to combat communism of any group in America..... The Methodist Church has made the clearest declarations and most intelligent opposition to communism..... Perkins School of Theology at S. M. U. is one of the strongest instruments in the nation and the most helpful in all the southwest in doing a positive service for combating communism."

March 8, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Rayland, Ohio

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of March 3rd, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

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I am indeed pleased to know of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit," and you may also wish to refer to my latest book on communism, "A Study of Communism." It contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. This book may be available at your local library.

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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One Nation's Response To Communism

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Mar. 3, 1965.

Rayland, Ohio.

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RELIGION

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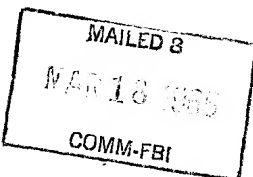
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Your concern about the threat of communism is understandable, and your desire to learn more about the nature of this menace is reassuring. I have repeatedly emphasized it is imperative for Americans to study the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence. I am enclosing literature which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written in order to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely! .

"Our Heritage of Greatness"

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Note: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning [redacted]

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March 14, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover.

My Son [redacted] takes the Communist Worker and about three weeks ago Herbert Apthacker a well known Communist was to hold a Meeting at a large Methodist Church in Detroit and Saturday he got the worker again and another communist was to use this same Methodist church, it is on Wilsher Blvd. When we try to tell our church people they think we don't know what we are talking about. My Son was really mad when he saw they were using that church again.

Our preachers think we are trying to cause trouble.

It is a shame that this National Council of Churches clame to reperesent the church people when they don't. All of the churches want prayers in the schools but they are against it. What are we to do? The Communist are getting bolder all the time. You can get material from any Anti'communist on the N.C.C.

Please tell me what we are to do.

Respectfully

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[redacted] Brazil Ind.

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Respectfully

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National Council of Churches 1964

By CARL McINTIRE

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil"
(Exod. 23:2).

It seems incredible that the National Council of Churches in one year could have done so much to disrupt its own churches. This body has become the issue in hundreds of churches. Some are withdrawing, many are withholding funds! It was in 1964 that the "hushed-up revolution" in the churches burst out into the open. The issues drawn between the conservatives and the liberals in the 1964 political campaign focused public attention on NCC officials and the Council's activity. The NCC consists of thirty-one Protestant and Orthodox denominations and 40 million Americans and it has presumed to be "the conscience" of the nation and the "voice of the churches."

1. The NCC Leaders Report to the President

The Interchurch News, a publication of the NCC, volume five, number five, January, 1964, carried the headline "Churchmen Confer at White House." President Johnson is photographed with five. We read: "President Johnson gets first-hand report on General Assembly actions in his office. Standing (l. to r.) behind J. Irwin Miller and Bishop Reuben Mueller are Bishop B. J. Smith, Dr. Robert Spike, and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, NCC Race Commission officers." The story began, "Five leaders of the National Council of Churches met with President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House at 3 p.m. on Dec. 9, at his request." Reporting that President Johnson spoke in appreciation of the work of the National Council of Churches in the area of Civil Rights, Bishop Mueller added, "My first act as new president of the Council was to re-establish the Commission on Religion and Race and make J. Irwin Miller a member of it. He was appointed by President Kennedy to the chairmanship of the national Interfaith Committee on Religion and Race."

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The National Council of Churches abandoned all pretenses. It went political, all the way, in the Civil Rights fight, march on Washington, resolution, lobbying, White House conferences, and even visits by NCC personnel to Congressmen on behalf of the legislation.

2. The NCC Called for Denominational Political Activity

An AP dispatch, February 28, 1964, from Baltimore, Maryland, entitled "Churches Urged To Get Involved In Politics," reads: "The general board of the National Council of Churches yesterday adopted a resolution calling on its 31-member denominations to get involved in politics.

"The policy-making board, now in the third day of a four-day meeting here, overwhelmingly adopted the four-page statement on 'Christian responsibility in the 1964 elections.'

"Christian citizens 'cannot be indifferent to the denial of minority rights: to the impairment of the freedoms of expression and religion; to foreign policies which could lead to nuclear warfare; or to policies which ignore our responsibilities to eliminate famine, disease and ignorance,' in this country and abroad, the resolution said."

The Council did not name President Johnson, but it made clear its acceptance of his "Great Society."

3. NCC Mississippi Project Called "Revolution in the Delta"

The General Board, February 28, launched a "Mississippi Delta Project" with a proposed budget of \$260,000. The Council said, "The delta area of the State of Mississippi manifests in full display the total complexities of the problem of racial injustice and persistent poverty—it is an area of chronic need and at the same time pivotal for healing and redemption in all other areas." The program contemplated fees for attorneys "engaged in litigation" and said, "The magnitude of the task requires a long term commitment of at least a decade and perhaps two." And it called for the assistance of churches throughout the world, through the World Council of Churches, asking that 40 per cent of the budget be obtained through the World Council of Churches. These appeals for international assistance opened the door for the Communist-controlled Russian Orthodox Church and Russian Baptist Church of Moscow to take part in the project. The whole program has been repudi-

ated by local church groups in Mississippi. Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, Board secretary, in his report to the Baltimore, Maryland, meeting, discussed "The New Societal Setting" which he called "the revolutionary area in which we live," and said that "we as a nation are just beginning to experience the revolution of 'rising expectations' on the part of peoples in our own land and elsewhere . . ." The NCC is promoting the Negro Revolution.

4. NCC Sponsors Milan Opocensky—Communist Propagandist—Making Marxism Christian

During January of 1964, Czechoslovakian Professor Milan Opocensky, a self-confessed Marxist, toured college campuses in the United States presenting the Communist line of "peaceful coexistence" and socialist endorsement. Opocensky was in charge of the youth section of the Christian Peace Conference of Prague, Czechoslovakia, whose president is Josef L. Hromadka. Opocensky is a member of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches. He said at the University of Delaware, "I do approve of the reconstruction that is going on in my country (Czechoslovakia)."

The *Arizona Republic*, January 20, 1964, reported him as saying that "the Communist seizure of power in his country . . . was the logical consequence of a long historical process rooted in the working class movement. He said further that Czechoslovakia had been put under Communist rule through divine intervention so its Christians could bring their special message to that form of society."

Opocensky was sponsored in this undertaking by the National Student Christian Federation, which is the youth department of the National Council of Churches.

5. The NCC's New Curriculum Attacks Holy Scriptures

The National Council of Churches in 1964 presented the churches with an accomplished fact—the New Sunday School Curriculum, which seeks to discredit the Bible.

The *Christian Century*, September 26, 1962, under "New Approach to Curriculum Planning now being devised under auspices of the National Council of Churches," said, "This new development marks a genuine advance in an area where real unity among the churches can be achieved."

This Sunday school curriculum began to appear

in the various denominational Sunday school publications declaring that: Moses did not write the Pentateuch; the first eleven chapters of Genesis are myths; the story of David and Goliath is a "tall story"; John did not write his Gospel; Matthew did not write his; 1st and 2nd Timothy were never written by Paul.

The *Christian Century* reported: "Denominations now working together in the Cooperative Curriculum Project: the Advent Christian Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the American Baptist Convention, the Christian Churches (Disciples), the Church of the Brethren, the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), the Church of the Nazarene, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical United Brethren, the Mennonite Church (Scottsboro), the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the United Church of Canada."

This was supplemented and climaxed by the Christmas issue of *Life*, a double number, which with its mass circulation gave to the whole world the destructive higher critical attack upon Holy Scripture. The NCC is responsible in its over-all program in the name of "unity" for destroying confidence in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the verbally inspired, infallible Word of God.

6. The NCC's Women's Unit Attacks "Extremists"

The *Interchurch News*, publication of the NCC, reports the resolution of the United Council of Church Women from Kansas City, Mo. The women said: "We rejoice in belonging to the company of Protestants and Orthodox Christians associated together in the National Council of Churches." Specifically, the resolution said: "We deplore the action of all organizations as the White Citizens Council, the John Birch Society, the Christian Crusade, the Christian Freedom Foundation, the Church League of America, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Communist Party, which hold doctrines which breed suspicion, division and hatred." This smear by association—others lined up with the Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan—is the tactic that was used by those who crucified Jesus Christ when they placed Him between two thieves. This "made" Jesus Christ to be a thief, too. This strategy has been used through the centuries by all manner of groups to discredit their opponents in debate.

7. NCC Conference on Church and State Would Have Church Help Guide State

The Associated Press story, Columbus, Ohio, February, 1964, reads as follows: "Those who counsel the church to stay away from the controversial issues are asking it to betray its calling, the keynote speaker at the first National Study Conference on Church and State said today.

"The church is under pressure from within and without to 'play it safe and keep it peaceful,' the Rev. David G. Colwell told some 450 delegates in a sermon to open the Protestant conference. It continues through Friday under auspices of the National Council of Churches.

"Mr. Colwell is pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, D. C.

"He said problems such as race, housing, employment, medical care for the aged and aid to education 'are always the real issues of life.'

"Some instruments of government and public institutions have helped God reach the world sometimes in spite of the lethargy and fear of his church," the minister said.

8. The NCC Opposed Prayer and Bible Reading in the Schools

The hearings on school prayers before the committee of the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, part 1, p. 571, records a letter, April 8, 1964, signed by R. H. Edwin Espy, General Secretary of the NCC, communicating the action of the General Board, June 7, 1963, which placed the NCC against a proposed constitutional amendment to rectify the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter.

Page 654 records "testimony of Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, General Secretary, American Baptist Convention, on behalf of the National Council of Churches." The opposition of the National Council in its own name and on behalf of the denominations which comprised it against the use of the name of God in prayer and the reading of the Bible in the public schools has been a consternation to the great mass of the Christians—beyond understanding!

9. NCC Failed To Reply to "National Council of Churches — 1963"

Numerous so-called replies have been issued. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry sent a booklet to 7,000 Lutheran churchmen defending the NCC. The *Presby-*

terian Survey, December, 1964, simply said that Dr. McIntire could not be believed. But here are Dr. McIntire's statements in his tract, "National Council of Churches—1963": "(1) The NCC gave to the Russians their platform for Soviet propaganda; (2) The NCC received a silver chalice from a member of the KGB, the Soviet Secret Police; (3) The NCC leaders allegedly knew who they were entertaining; (4) NCC calls for removal of prayer and Bible reading from public schools; (5) NCC prepares people for Supreme Court decision; (6) NCC General Assembly to hear President Kennedy; (7) The NCC calls for law violence in the racial conflicts; (8) The NCC is a disrupter of the churches; (9) The NCC called for more federal control over radio stations; (10) The NCC asks for FCC rule over major networks; (11) The NCC is upsetting and alarming American farmers; (12) The NCC is playing directly into the hands of its most radical members." Then the last two points dealt with the front door and the back door members of the NCC.

10. NCC Leaders Decline To Debate Issues

No official or leader connected with the National Council of Churches has been willing to meet in public debate for discussion of the controversial questions which the Council itself has raised. Challenges issued directly to leaders by Dr. Carl McIntire and also made by the American Council of Christian Churches, a Bible-believing fellowship of churches in this country, have all been declined. Men to whom challenges have been made were: Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, former president and chairman of the Commission on Race and Religion; Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, president of the Council; and Dr. Franklin Fry, Lutheran leader and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

11. NCC Officials Attack "Malicious Falsehoods"

The New York Times, December 4, reporting a two-day meeting of the Council's General Board in Des Moines, Iowa, quoted Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, the president, as saying that "the National Council of Churches is the 'favorite whipping boy' of those 'who oppose it for selfish reasons.'"

"He said they practice 'Hitler's theory of the big lie—if you tell it often enough and loud enough the common people will begin to believe it.'"

Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, the board's secretary, said "attacks on the Council were actually attacks on the 'churches as they are now oriented and led.'"

"The tactic increasingly is to invade the churches, usually, bypassing ministers, confusing and dividing local congregations, calling into question national leadership and policies, undermining denominational programs by urging the withholding of financial support, calling for investigations of the National Council."

12. NCC Member Denominations

The following is a list of the 31 constituent members of the National Council of Churches according to a release sent by the Lutheran Church of America with a covering statement by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
American Baptist Convention
Armenian Church of America, Diocese (including Diocese of California)
Christian Churches, International Convention
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of the Brethren
The Evangelical United Brethren Church
Five Years Meeting of Friends
Greek Archdiocese of North and South America
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
Lutheran Church in America
The Methodist Church
The Moravian Church in America
National Baptist Convention of America
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Polish National Catholic Church of America
Presbyterian Church in the United States
Protestant Episcopal Church
Reformed Church in America
Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
United Church of Christ
United Presbyterian Church in the USA
Unity of the Brethren

13. NCC Co-operating Denominations

The list of the denominations who though not constituent members participate in the Council's activities as released by Dr. Franklin Fry, at the end of 1964 are listed as "churches which have been declared by the Council's General Board as being eligible for Council participation."

United States
1. Advent Christian Church
2. American Lutheran Church
3. American Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church
4. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
5. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
6. Brethren in Christ
7. Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
8. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
9. Church of the Nazarene

10. Churches of God in North America (General Eldership)
11. Cumberland Presbyterian Church
12. Evangelical Congregational Church
13. Evangelical Covenant Church
14. Free Methodist Church of North America
15. Friends, Kansas Yearly Meeting of
16. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting of
17. General Baptists
18. General Conference of the Mennonite Church
19. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
20. Mennonite Brethren Church of North America
21. Mennonite Church
22. National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
23. North American Baptist General Conference
24. Pilgrim Holiness Church
25. Progressive National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
26. Reformed Episcopal Church
27. Salvation Army
28. Schwenkfelder Church
29. Seventh Day Adventists
30. Southern Baptist Convention
31. United Brethren in Christ
32. United Missionary Church
33. Wesleyan Methodist Church of America
Canada
34. Anglican Church of Canada
35. Baptist Federation of Canada
36. Presbyterian Church in Canada
37. United Church of Canada

Just as our 1963 tract has not been challenged in a single statement, the material that we have presented here is also above challenge. Nowhere in anything that the Council has said during 1964 have we seen an appeal for people to be washed from their sins by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Nor has there been any suggestion anywhere that the Christian Faith is under attack in the house of God and that it is a Christian duty to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Moreover, we must hold the Council responsible not only for the actions of its General Board but for everything any of its departments or agencies do or say.

We now invite our readers to subscribe to the *Christian Beacon*, an eight-page, weekly religious newspaper, which carries more documented information concerning the ecumenical movement, the National Council of Churches, and the great apostasy than any other religious publication. The subscription price is \$2; address, Collingswood, N. J., 08108.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-1-65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A1550. Congressman Edwards, (R) Alabama, placed in the Record an article written by Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, entitled "Who Speaks for the Church?" which appeared in the Washington Star on March 28, 1965. Mr. Edwards stated "in this day of national stress it is fitting that one of the great leaders of national religious life has spoken out regarding the part that the church takes in events." Dr. Harris stated "Among those who are assuming national and world leadership among the churches, it must be admitted that so far as communism is concerned, there is, to use a scriptural phrase, 'A silence that could be heard in heaven.' One of these leaders has said, 'Let us quit moralizing about communism and to communism.' His word for that conspiracy, and that of many of his colleagues, is accommodation, coexistence, cooperation. - - - Would that every church, as its bounden duty, would have its entire membership familiar with every chapter of J. Edgar Hoover's 'Masters of Deceit.'" This article was also placed in the Congressional Record on March 30th by Congressman Hall, (R) Missouri.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-31-65

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A1517-A1518. Congressman Hall, (R) Missouri, extended his remarks to include an article written by Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, entitled "Who Speaks for the Church?" and published in the March 28 issue of the Washington Star. Mr. Hall stated "It is an excellent article. It deserves to be read by every clergyman in the Nation, as well as by laymen. Dr. Harris wonders aloud how so many of our clergymen can ignore or 'sweep under the rug' the Communist threat, while concentrating their efforts on other causes, however well meaning they may be." Dr. Harris stated "Among those who are assuming national and world leadership among the churches, it must be admitted that so far as communism is concerned, there is, to use a scriptural phrase, 'A silence that could be heard in heaven.' One of these leaders has said, 'Let us quit moralizing about communism and to

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 17th has been received.

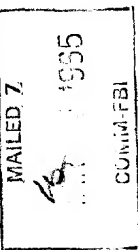
While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the organizations about which you inquired. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files regarding the subject of your inquiry.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Communism--The Incredible Swindle
"Time for Decision"

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

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Covelo, California
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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I would like to have an evaluation of the above mentioned league if one is available. The Publications I have before me are dated Oct. 1958; Jan. 1960 and Oct. 1960. The man states that the National Council of Churches is a Communist front organization and that the United Presbyterian Church is run by Communists -- Eugene Carson Blake's statements being mentioned.

While it is generally known that Communists do indeed try to infiltrate into churches, schools, universities, etc - there are also some hardworking Christian people at work to counter act their efforts. Is the National & World Council of Churches dominated by Communist members in your opinion? And what about the Presbyterian Church? I am a member of our local session and I feel that this gentlemen who is also an elder should have some facts shown to him before he does further damage. If he is right, then the rest of us need to wake up.

Please send any information that you might have about:

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2. The National Council of Churches
3. The World Council of Churches
4. The Presbyterian Church

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April 7, 1965

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Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 1st has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance, but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the individuals you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have had previous correspondence with [REDACTED] last [REDACTED] 1-12-65, at which time she was given the publication "Communism Sanely!", and the latest speeches of the President, "Heritage of Greatness" and "Time For Decision". [REDACTED] cannot be identified in Bufiles and there is no record [REDACTED]

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Longmeadow, Mass.

April 1, 1965

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

[Redacted]
Longmeadow, Mass. 01106

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the interesting information you have sent me regarding Communism in the churches. Even so, there are several ministers in this area whose background would interest me. One handed out the complete Communist line on Viet Nam and Africa (I have read the same thing from Communists around the world) and used it as a Thanksgiving service! The two others have written letters to the newspapers in which they made derogatory remarks about "Nazism, Birchism and McCarthyism". A complete silence is maintained about Communism, and when pressed they say merely that it is nothing to worry about and anti-Communists are just as bad, really! Now this is what we are getting from our churches in this area. In fact the whole area is being propagandized in every way - Communism is coming at us from every direction, but a great deal from United Church of Christ and their Social Actionists. I don't mean to indicate any sympathy with Nazism - to me it is the same as Communism in that it sets up a dictator. But I think the churches, while condemning the others, should also condemn Communism. But they don't! I wonder if the following have ever belonged to the Communist Party, or the Fabian Socialists. Many of the ministers around here are World Federalists - I don't know whether they could be considered subversive, but I should think so, since they openly favor world government rather than nationalism.

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Longmeadow, Mass.

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West Springfield, Mass.

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Thank you,

Very truly yours

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Communism

Dear Sir:

Thank you for answering my letter of recent date in which I mentioned my doubts about [redacted] I should have realized that you could not give out any information about these men, and I don't know what I could do with the information if I had it! The important thing is that you know about them.

[redacted] is very quiet about Communism, but a friend and member of the congregation has told me that [redacted] really does not like Communism. He said so! He said it would just die because it isn't truth, just as Nazism died! The attitude is to simply ignore it and it will go away. However, they speak out with great vehemence about things they DO care about!

I consider [redacted] statement the greatest treason, and [redacted] written the church paper to that effect. To my recollection, Nazi [redacted] die but was vanquished at great cost, and I can't imagine how intelligent people can accept his treasonous statements without question. [redacted] followers just don't think about Communism at all; they don't think there are any Communists at all in a prosperous country such as this. It doesn't exist because he says it doesn't!

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[redacted] went to Selma and has duly reported to the congregation. Apparently it has been admitted there were a few Communists there but they don't count - nobody in our church will pay any attention to that. All they think about is Socialism and Civil Rights and integration.

For obvious reasons I can no longer support that church with either work or money. Thank you for your kind attention to my letters. It was the place of our ministers to lend a sympathetic ear to our fears, but they are so busy going to political meetings that they have no time for conservatives.

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Very truly yours,

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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Longmeadow, Mass.

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RESPONSE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7/13/65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Communist - ... into
Rev. ...

Pages 9924-9925. Congressman Tupper, (R) Maine, spoke concerning attacks by extremists against our Government, churches and institutions. He stated "There is a strong inclination to ignore the right wing and their paranoic mission of hate rather than to dignify them and their organizations. However, these noisy and well-financed reactionaries are taking advantage of the fact that many people are apt to believe those things that are set forth in print." He included a statement by Reverend Howell O. Wilkins, pastor of the St. John's Methodist Church, Seaford, Delaware. Reverend Wilkins commented on charges that members of the clergy are Communist sympathizers. He stated "Some time ago in one of our newspapers Lee Layton

mentioned that there were a number of our clergy who were supporting Communist causes. I wrote him a letter and asked him to mention immediately any Methodists so that those ministers could be brought to trial and no longer serve in the Methodist Church. He had no names to mention. I also encouraged him to send immediately to the Federal Bureau of Investigation any names of clergymen who were serving the Communist cause. He had no names for the FBI either."

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Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

Dear

I received your letter of May 15th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some material I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- "Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"

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May 15, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I would appreciate some information on the infiltration of Communism within the churches of American. Also, I have understood that several American clergyman have been involed in Communistic activities. I would appreciate some information on the following

Again, may God bless you and keep you in his service for your country.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Madisonville Ky. 42431

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Director of F.B.I. COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
Washington, D.C. INTO RELIGION

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7-1-65

Dear Friends:

I received the attached comments recently, and they seemed worthy of sharing with you. I would be interested in hearing your reactions and comments.

Cordially,

*Respectfully,
Indian Hill
Chas.*

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Pages A2544-A2545. Congressman Walker, (R) Mississippi, placed in the Record a speech delivered by the Reverend B. G. Stillion of Phoenix, Arizona, entitled "The Businessman and the Church Facing Up to Reality." Reverend Stillion comments on the Communist strategy aims in the United States. He stated "The mode of revolution used by the Communists in the United States was designed in Moscow. It is as follows. This outline was secured by the FBI first: (a) Corrupt the young. - - -"

June 10, 1965

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100-4035275B

Miss Marjorie C. Jenkins
5836 Reinhardt Drive
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205

Dear Miss Jenkins:

I have received your letter of June 6th.

With respect to your inquiries, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence, however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

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Miss Marjorie C. Jenkins

I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
10-64 LEB Introduction
The Communist Menace

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. First name, Marjorie, per telephone directory.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-21-65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Communist Infiltration
Into Religion

Original filed in:

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June 6, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This last year I have served as the Worship Director for the State of Missouri Christian Women's Fellowship, the women's division of the Christian Church. I am especially interested in receiving true and accurate information as to the infiltration of communism into the churches of America. Every article you read on Communism suggests that Christianity is their main target, yet we have no down to earth suggestions as to their exact method of attack on our churches. I have a definite feeling that they are there and in the larger organizations of the many denominations. I would like to know the following;

- 1- Do you believe communists are at work in our large local churches? A
- 2- How do they operate and what are their methods of undermining religion?
- 3- Is there any way of detecting them as such?

I am not a member of the John Burch Society and donot want to persecute anyone, but I have a definite feeling that the ministers and lay people of this country are sleeping this one out. The word communist seems to be a dirty word and ~~respectable~~ people ignore it and donot mention it--- they leave it out of the church vocabulary----- just read about it in the newspapers. REC-8 100-403529 50 JUN 14 1965

Do you think it possible that the way Mr. Krueshev had in mind to bury us could be that they intend within the next twenty years to fill our pulpits with their viper off- springs?

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I belong to one of the largest churches in our denomination and have grown deeply concerned about the general situation, not only in our local church but also on the district and state level.

In my local church the specific people, that I question in my own mind, all joined the church about the same time and curiously enough, those who have sons have entered them in the ministry. At a large church gathering the other day it was announced that by 1970 protestant churches would lack 40,000 ministers to fill pulpits!! Could it be possible that one of the aims of the communists is to fill these pulpits with their viper offspring? This way we might find ourselves on the way to being buried!

In my 40 years as a Sunday School teacher I am shocked, at times, to find communistic materials inserted in lesson material. Also I sat under two of our seminary professors whose loyalty I question, and wonder how would be ministers could amount to anything under such instruction.

In other words, Mr. Hoover, can you help me know if my fears are justified and if my concern can be guided into something constructive and helpful?

You are the first big public official I have ever written and I would indeed appreciate a personal letter from you and any materials on this subject that you may send or suggest.

My father, my grandfather and great grandfather were ministers and I am trying to continue to carry the banner of Christ high, but I donot feel that this is enough. I try to be a realist and admit that the churches of America have a special problem.

Thanking you kindly,

Sincerely,

Mayrie C. Jenkins

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[Redacted]

Loveland, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

Your communication together with its enclosure was received on July 19th during Mr. Hoover's absence. You may be sure it will be brought to his attention upon his return. I would like to point out, however, that Mr. Hoover maintains a policy of not commenting on material which was not prepared by personnel of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. One [Redacted] a Presbyterian minister from Cleveland, Ohio, was listed as a participant in the "Mississippi Summer Project." (157-1676-997)

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This was sent out by the minister of the Presbyterian - Episcopalian Church in Indian Hill This to us is a perfect example of what I. Kornfedder meant when he told Gordon Scherer that the C. Party had adopted the Living Church Movement which planned a social reinterpretation of the Bible. We would appreciate your opinion. Of course most church members don't know much about Steffens either.



Loveland, Ohio

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Let to Scherer 7-24-65

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TO PARTICIPATE IS TO LIVE

The Swiss artist Giacometti has a famous sculpture that shows five men walking towards one another. At first glance, one might assume that they will all meet for a happy get-together. Quite the opposite is true. As one studies the thin angular figures with their abstract faces, one realizes that no two of the paths will intersect. Each man will pass in front of or in back of the others, continuing his lonely way through a bleak world. As a final irony, the work is entitled "The City Square".

Giacometti is by no means the only artist to make such a diagnosis of his world. Our best novelists write about the anti-hero, the harried, frustrated, unsuccessful, amoral, little man in whom there is no glamor and no nobility in the old sense of the word. In many of Francis Bacon's pictures, the men and women are caught in an almost invisible yet terrifyingly real cage. Harold Pinter writes plays in which the characters are subjected to inexorable pressures, surviving only in a twilight existence. Edward Hopper uses ruthless sunlight to expose the impersonality of city and country alike, while the few human figures reveal the loneliness of man. Jackson Pollock, taking the canvas as the arena for action, exposes his inner tensions and conflicts in much the same way as Albee depicts the four characters in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Warhol emphasizes the 'vast wasteland' of our culture by painting row after row of identical Campbell's Soup cans. Good art has many purposes. Not the least are: (1) to reveal the human condition as it really is, and (2) to take part in the struggle for the dignity of man.

Two months in London viewing modern art, theater, and dance and reading novels was enough to drive one of us to re-reading the New Testament (appropriately, in the New English translation). An attempt was made to dispense with the pietism, churchiness, and humbug which often surround Bible reading even when not intended. Lincoln Steffens' advice was followed: "I still recommend people to re-read the New Testament as I read it, without reverence, with feet up on the desk and a pipe in the mouth, as news."

As Steffens found, it is news. The message comes through loud and clear. It can be summarized in such words as participation, involvement, engagement, responsibility, presence. The message of the New Testament is to participate fully in life, to become involved with all sorts and conditions of people, to accept one's full responsibility in the struggle for justice and freedom, to be present in the world. ~~President Kennedy expressed it in a few words:~~ "I can't stand shivering on the bank, I plunge head first." Jesus Christ, called most succinctly 'the free man', 'the man for others', says, "Follow me." 'Follow' is used in the New Testament, therefore, in the sense of participation in Jesus' giving himself for others and being a free man, which led to his suffering and rejection.

The churches in proclaiming the good news have all but reversed the message. A 'decision for Jesus Christ' is seen as a turning away from the world. Its present direction is revealed by the way people view those whom they consider to have gone further than anyone else -- the clergy. They go 'into the church' -- in other words 'out of this world'. As indications of the irrelevance of such a faith have multiplied, more people begin to talk of the 'gathered' and 'scattered' church. There is almost nothing in the New Testament about gathering, which is simply taken for granted. Because the church of Christ's time provided a limiting, isolated haven from reality, the overwhelming emphasis is on scattering. The meta-

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phors of salt in food or leaven in bread cannot possibly be stretched to the recovery of the salt or the leaven. There is no evidence that Christ's saying, "Where two or three have met together in my name, I am there among them" (Matt. 18:20) has to do primarily, let alone exclusively, with worship. Where men unite to give themselves for others, he is there among them because that is where he is to be found. The message of the Bible can be summed up: "Get lost -- for Christ's sake!" ("Whoever cares for his own safety is lost; but if a man will let himself be lost for my sake, he will find his true self." Matt. 16:25).

The events of his life enabled Dietrich Bonhoeffer to hear that message more clearly than anyone else of his generation. As he wrote from prison to his friend Bethge, "Later I discovered and am still discovering up to this very moment that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to believe." (Letters, p. 169). He characterized the Christian life as "participation in the suffering of God in the world". In The Cost of Discipleship, Bonhoeffer describes Christians in these words:

As if their own needs and their own distress were not enough, they take upon themselves the distress and humiliation and sin of others. They have an irresistible love for the down-trodden, the sick, the wretched, the wronged, the outcast and all who are tortured with anxiety. (Revised Edition, 1959, p. 100).

All this is not calculated to impress a red-blooded American as good news. It is enough to make the best of us dive back into his own private burrow, for (we have been taught) in that direction lies our salvation. Artists, playwrights, and novelists try their best to show us the alienation, the dehumanization, the loss of identity that result. But we ignore them, determined to cut ourselves off from the good news of the gospel, from entering fully into life, and from the gifts that participation brings. Why are we so slow to learn? Members of the Peace Corps, civil rights workers, and others point to the fullness of life that participation brings. It is time many more stopped shivering on the bank and plunged head first!

[Redacted]
[Redacted] CLEVELAND 46, OHIO
Representing
MOTORISTS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

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ITC 7-24-61

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[Redacted]
Cleveland, Ohio

September 9, 1965

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Dahlonaga, Georgia

Dear

Your letter of August 31st has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing. It is a pleasure to know that you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," of interest, and you may wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism." It contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. This book may be available at your local library.

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August 31, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just finished reading your masterful book "Masters of Deceit". In that book, the section on possible communist infiltration into our churches has caused me great concern.

I fully realize that one must first learn to recognize the tactics of a communist and be absolutely sure of facts before doing anything about it, and that a person must not take the law into his own hands, but report definite specifics to a body such as your FBI.

Without getting into personalities, I wrote a fellow member of the Methodist Church and asked about this possible communist infiltration and what steps, if any, the church had taken to protect itself against such a contingency. His answer was that my charges were "ridiculous".

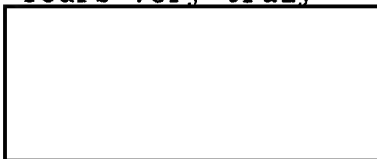
I fully realize that your Bureau is a fact-finding body and not a prosecuting organization.

If you have timeⁱⁿ your extremely busy schedule, I would appreciate a short letter for moral support, if you think that I am right, concerning possible communist infiltration of our churches.

I write this letter as one concerned American to another concerned American.

Any answer that you give this letter will be deeply appreciated, since I feel a bit dismayed by the apathy of this particular important church official that possible communist infiltration of our church is a "ridiculous" charge to make.

Yours very truly



Dahlonega, Georgia,

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The family you love, the things you own, and the future you want—
protect them all under The Travelers umbrella of insurance.



September 13, 1965

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Muskegon, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of September 6th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

"Our Heritage of Greatness"

Internal Security Statement, 4/17/62

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles [redacted] cannot be identified on the basis of information available. We have had cordial relations with Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet and have furnished them considerable assistance in connection with books they have written.

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Now he is organizing a "study group" in his church, which he is basing on the book "The Strange Tactics of Extremism" by the Overstreets.

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I realize that the FBI files cannot be opened. However could you please give us a reply concerning your opinion of these Overstreets, and permit us to publish it since your opinion carries much more weight than ours.

Sincerely yours,

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Muskegon, Michigan

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Muskegon, Michigan

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September 29, 1965

Sister [redacted]
[redacted]

Our Lady of Victory Convent
201 Plainfield Avenue
Floral Park, New York

My dear Sister:

I received your letter of September 26th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments. You may be certain I will strive to merit your continued approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau is ever aware of its responsibilities regarding the internal security of our Nation, and it will make every effort to discharge its obligations with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

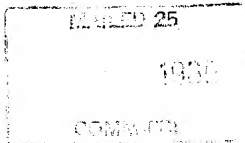
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Our Lady of Victory Convent

201 Plainfield Avenue, Floral Park, N. Y.

September 26, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Some time ago I was told that the F.B.I. files have a record of the following:

" Soviet Russia has (about 30 years ago) sent recruits to the U.S. to begin "at the bottom" in seminaries, convents, and monasteries. "

Is this a fact? If it is, I would be grateful to receive a copy of the report. The idea is frightening, but in the light of some of the events happening in high ecclesiastical areas, and in some more ordinary areas, it could be possible.

Thank you, Mr. Hoover. Keep up your splendid work in the interest of World peace and security. God bless you.

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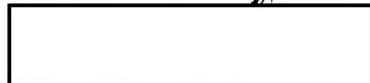
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November 10, 1965

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Ritzville, Washington 99169

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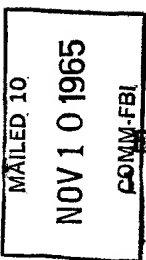
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (3)

- Seattle - Enclosure

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

The Faith of Free Men

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent or of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ in Bufiles. The United Council of Churches is not identifiable.

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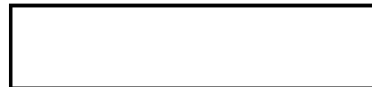
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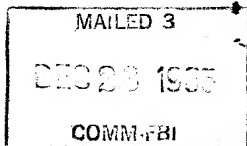
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Dear [Redacted Name]

I have received the copy of your address
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in making it available to me is indeed appreciated. I am
pleased to note you have read my book, "Masters of Deceit,"
as well as some of my other statements and articles.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Communism and the Church



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The subject of Communism in the Christian Church is a broad one and one on which many books have been written. The aim of this paper is not to make a detailed study of any one phase of communist activity in the churches nor of all of them, nor to give an exhaustive account of the communist and communist-front activities of Lutheran, National and World councils of Churches, but rather threefold:

- (1) To present a brief survey of the communist and communist-front activities of the various councils of churches and some of their leaders.
- (2) To study the underlying reasons for the Judas betrayal of the Christian Church by its leaders, to anti-Christian communism and
- (3) To learn what we as individual Christians and as Lutheran pastors can and should do about it.

"The largest single group supporting the communist apparatus in the U.S. today is composed of Protestant clergymen." ¹ This statement by Dr. J. B. Matthews, formerly research director for the Senate Committee on Government Operations and the HCUA and one of the nation's leading authorities on the subject of communist infiltration of the churches, may be shocking to some of us and may seem to be one of those sweeping generalities which are usually false. However, this statement can be supported by hundreds of pages of sworn testimony given before the HCUA. The question then arises, Are these Protestant clergymen organized or do they simply do their fronting for the communists quietly and undercover? The answer must be, "They are extremely well organized in that they are using the councils of churches as their instruments to advance the cause of international communism".

1. "Communism In The Churches," by J. B. Matthews, Article reprint by the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois

As early as 1947, FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, warned that communists have infiltrated the churches in an article entitled, "The Menace of Communism," page 11. In an article entitled, "God or Chaos," first written for Redbook Magazine, February, 1949, which deals solely with communist penetration and influence of American religious groups, Mr. Hoover says, 2 "Many communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Church leaders can stop this nefarious infiltration by taking vigorous action in the boards and commissions under Church supervision. Individual ministers and church members can avoid being hoodwinked if they will stay close to the fundamentals of their faith."

Further information from Mr. Hoover on this subject may be found in his book, "Masters of Deceit," pages 93, 96, 205-6, 324-6, which discussed tactics used by the communists in the churches in detail.

As recently as March 6, 1961, Mr. Hoover testified to the House of Representatives Sub-committee on Appropriations that the communists have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity including the churches.

In 1959 the U.S. Air Force published a new training manual, number 205-5, in which the NCC was mentioned as an example of how communists have infiltrated the churches. This caused a great uproar in Protestant churches which belong to the NCC. Washington was deluged with a swarm of petitions and demands that the manual be withdrawn, repudiated and amended, and that the Secretary of the Air Force apologize to the NCC. On February 11, 1960, the manual was withdrawn for investigation by the Air Force. On February 24, 1960, Mr. James Wine, a salaried

2. "God or Chaos?" by J. Edgar Hoover, Reprint by Church League of America, Page 7.

official of the NCC, issued a statement to the press saying that the Air Force had agreed to amend portions of the Air Force Manual which were objectionable. Thus the public was led to believe that Air Force officials had admitted that the statements regarding communist infiltration of the churches were in error.

On the next morning, February 25, a special hearing was held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities for Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Dudley C. Sharp, and his aides, in regard to the truthfulness of the statements made in Air Force Training Manual 205-5 concerning communist infiltration of the churches. I have before me a copy of the complete testimony given at this hearing. During the hearing, Staff Director Richard Arens asked Secretary Sharp the following questions: 3

"Mr. Secretary, when you issued your press release repudiating the publication as representing the Air Force views, and issued your apology to the Nation Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, did you by that act mean to convey the impression that the Air Force was convinced that the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. was not infiltrated by fellow travelers?" Secretary Sharp answered, "No, I did not intend to indicate any concurrence with this statement, or objection to the statement as to its validity. I felt simply that this kind of a statement should not be made in an Air Force publication."

Later on Mr. Arens said to Secretary Sharp, 4 "I have read you the pertinent paragraph of the Air Force Manual 205-5 concerning which Mr. Wine is quoted in the Evening Star of February 24 as saying that the Air Force has agreed to amend portions which are objectionable. Am I correct in my interpretation of your testimony that neither you nor anyone to your knowledge in official position in the Air Force has given Mr. Wine the assurance which is attributed to him in the press?" Secretary Sharp answered, "Certainly I

3. "Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Issues presented by Air Reserve Center Training Manual, Feb. 25, 1960 - Washington, D.C." published by Church League of America, Wheaton, Ill. Page 4.

have not. I do not know of anyone who has."

Mr. Arens also made the following statement in support of the statements in the Manual, 5

"Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches in America we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either communist-front records or records of service to communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership instead of being in the hundreds as the Chairman first indicated is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement."

When this hearing was released to the American people, six clerical leaders of the National Council of Churches demanded a public apology by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Secretary of the Air Force. They got no apology. Rather, they received an invitation to appear under oath before this same committee of the Congress and refute any of the documentation, if they could. They refused to appear. No further comment should be needed on their refusal.

Matt Cvetic, for nine years an undercover informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the Communist Party, in his article entitled, "Communists In Our Churches," 6 states as follows:

"In this article, let me answer once and for all the question of whether or not there are Communists in our churches and church organizations. Are the Reds infiltrating the churches in the United States? Of course they are -- and in many cases with the help of the very clergy who would be tortured and murdered if the Reds took over.

"As an example of Communist church infiltration, let me recall the Red meeting which I attended in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in the fall of 1949. At this

4. Ibid, p. 5

5. Ibid, p. 6

6. "Special Report to all Church League Supporters," pg. 5

meeting, Steve Nelson, a top Red Agent, read a report from Joseph Stalin, the leader of International Communism at that time. In this report, Stalin laid out plans for the mass murder of 20,000,000 people in China to solidify Red control of that country. This Kremlin report, and the ensuing discussion, also outlined plans for the murder of additional thousands in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. Where did the Communists plot this mass murder of millions? Was it in some deserted cellar or some far-away secret hide-out? No, the Kremlin plot was revealed in a most respectable place - the meeting room of one of the largest churches in the northside section of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, - and with the permission and full knowledge of the pastor!

"We must open our eyes and speak out against the godless Red tyranny. Let us rid ourselves of these 'wolves in sheep's clothing, who, while hiding behind the holy cloth and the respectability of the church, are carrying out their un-Godly and devilish work to destroy us.'"

Herbert A. Philbrick, author of "I Led Three Lives," who for nine years was a counter-spy for the FBI within the Communist Party says in an article entitled, "The Communists Are After Your Church":⁷

"Communism in American Churches has gone shockingly far. I was a part of the plot. As far as the comrades knew, I was a fellow plotter. And nowhere have I seen such cynical glee as I saw again and again on the faces of the comrades when some well-meaning, but woefully misguided church leader was hooked on the communist line.

"The communists have made advances not only in their capture of youth, but in their use of clergymen. Clever in-

7. "Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City area-Part 5, Hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 83rd Congress," published by U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 1953. Also available from Church League of America, Wheaton, Ill. pgs. 2020, 2021.

deed are the appeals made for ministerial support on humanitarian grounds, resulting in the support the Party wants. The publicly available record of support elicited by the comrades among church leaders is appalling. Virtually no communist or communist-front activity takes place today without ministerial and church support, sponsorship or participation.

"But, to me, the most shocking fact was that there was also a special subversive cell of hardened, disciplined, trained agents of Stalin, men who were ministers of the Gospel!

"Members of major denominations, they were assigned countless special tasks for the communist conspiracy. Among the tasks were these: helping to spread Soviet-inspired dissension and confusion; subtly injecting distrust in our government, our leaders and our way of life; spreading distrust and hatred of 'capitalists,' businessmen, employers, company heads, stock owners; popularizing a sly contempt for the police, the courts, the FBI and other government law-enforcement agencies; attacking all anti-communist individuals, laws, measures and investigative groups; defending Communist Party members and fellow travelers; lending their weight to the indoctrinating of youth in seminaries; participating in Soviet espionage and transmitting intelligence information for the Soviet Government; providing stature and integrity to Communists and pro-Communists by church sponsorship; and, by 'clever and subtle operation victimizing many hundreds of non-Communist ministers and laymen into seeming support of the Soviet dictatorship and enmity against their own United States Government.

"I am not guessing about this. I saw those ministers in action - ruthless Communist leaders, prostituting the Christian ministry to the evil ends of atheism and oppression. They knew exactly what they were doing. They were clergymen because it suited their purpose and that of their superiors to be clergymen."

Reams of unrefuted testimony could be recorded to support the statement by Dr. Matthews. "The largest single group

take the lead in Communist-front operations. Some of the leaders of the National and World councils of churches who are Communist frontiers from the chief denominations are: ⁹ Dr. Franklin Clark Frey and Dr. Frederick Schlotz-Lutheran; John A. Mackay and Eugene Carson Blake-Presbyterian; Edwin T. Dahlberg and Benjamin E. Mays - Baptist; Ralph W. Sockman and Charles C. Webber - Methodist; Herman F. Reissig - U.C. of C.; and Bishop James Pike and Henry Knox Sherrill - Episcopal. There are some 9,000 more who are either misguided tools of the Communist conspiracy, sympathizers, fellow-travelers, or witting or unwitting dupes. To illustrate how many church leaders are either conscious promoters of the Communist conspiracy or dupes of the same, we will elaborate on the activities of just a few of the churchmen most influential on the thinking in theological circles and in the churches in general.

HARRY F. WARD

Let us begin with Union Theological Seminary of New York. This seminary has been called "the seedbed of radical clergymen." One of its oldest and most influential professors is Dr. Harry F. Ward whom we have already mentioned. In 1953 Dr. Ward, who has been professor of Christian Ethics, was identified by several witnesses as a member of the Communist Party. ¹⁰ In addition, he has been a member of more than 27 Communist-front organizations. For nearly half a century he has consistently associated with and met with known Communists, has encouraged theological students at Union to join the Communist Party, has apologized for Communists and defended their causes, and in many other ways has been of immeasurable service to the Communist conspiracy.

JOHN C. BENNETT

Dr. John C. Bennett, who for years was Dean of Union Theological Seminary, succeeded Dr. Harry F. Ward as president of that institution as recently as April, 1964. Dr. Bennett's record of communist affiliations ¹¹ is so extensive that it would take several pages to recount his communist-front activities. To mention just a few: He headed a committee of the NCC which called for recognition of Red China in 1957.

9. Ibid, pg. 2

10. "News and Views," Feb. 1957, Pg. 2

He was signer of a petition sponsored by the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, a group cited as subversive and communist by the Attorney General on Dec. 4, 1947 and Sept. 21, 1948. He signed an "Open Letter to the American People," carried by the Communist "Daily Worker," on September 26, 1955 which opposed loyalty oaths, the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations, committees investigating communism, and other efforts by the U.S. government to probe the activities of communists in this country. He signed a petition to President Eisenhower demanding the release of communist party bosses convicted under the Smith Act. He has written a book entitled, "Christianity and Communism," which can best be described as a eulogy and defense of Lenin and communism and an attack on Christianity and capitalism. He is a member of the editorial board of an influential Protestant Journal entitled "Christianity and Crisis" which in the issues of September 21 and October 5, 1964 viciously attacked Senator Goldwater on false premises, on stands he has never taken and statements he has never made. ¹²

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor at Union Theological Seminary, is widely recognized as one of the leading Protestant theologians. He has had membership in 13 communist front organizations. He is a leading pacifist and was awarded an essay prize by The Church Peace Union, a radical pacifist organization which later merged with The World Alliance For International Friendship Through The Churches to become a propaganda agency first for the League of Nations and then for the United Nations. He is likewise on the editorial board of the left-wing publication, "Christianity and Crisis." In an article entitled, "Communism in The Churches," dated March 22, 1958 and reprinted by the Church League of America, Dr. J. B. Matthew says: "More than twenty years ago, a social gospel group, having its center in Union Theological Seminary, set up an organization called The Fellowship of Socialist Christ-

11. "News and Views," Feb. 1960, pages 3-6

12. "News and Views," November, 1964, pages 7-8

ians. The Rev. Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr was chairman. The chairman of the small executive committee of nine members, one Francis Henson, was a Communist. I mean Communist as distinct from socialist. . . .

"The Fellowship of Socialist Christians published a magazine called 'Radical Religion,' under the editorship of Reinhold Niebuhr. The magazine is still published under the more ambiguous title, 'Christianity and Society,' and still under the editorship of Reinhold Niebuhr. The name, Fellowship of Socialist Christians, has been changed to Social Action. This group has done me the honor of attacking me for almost twenty years.

"Reinhold Niebuhr's socialism, more than his theology, has influenced the thinking of thousands of Protestant clergymen. From Niebuhr's Fabian socialism to Harry Ward's Marxism has been an easy step for many of the students and graduates of Union Theological Seminary. I note in passing that 504 faculty members, students, and graduates of the Seminary have had affiliations with Communist-front enterprises. Arnold Johnson, one of the convicted so-called second-string Communist Party leaders, is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, class of 1932, and a protege of Harry Ward."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who heads the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a leading civil rights organization, is recognized as the leading spokesman among the negro clergy in the present civil rights struggle. In the November, 1963 issue of "Through To Victory" on page 7 we find the following affidavit:

"I, Karl Prussion, a former counter-spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1960, do hereby swear under oath and under penalty of perjury that from the years 1954 through 1958, I attended five county committee meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, California. . . .

I further do solemnly swear and attest that at each and every one of the aforementioned meetings, one Reverend Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the

Communist struggle on the many racial issues.

I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse Communist causes, numbering over 60."

A photostat of the original affidavit properly signed and sealed can be had by sending 50¢ to: HEADS UP, P.O. Box 6519, San Diego 6, California.

On the same page of this issue of "Through To Victory," we find a picture of Martin Luther King sitting with known communists at a session of the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., a communist training school.

EDLER G. HAWKINS

On May 21, 1964 at its General Assembly in Oklahoma City, the 3.3 million member United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. elected as its moderator the Negro clergymen, the Rev. Edler G. Hawkins, minister of St. Augustine Presbyterian Church in the Bronx, New York. Here is what Dr. J. B. Matthews, famed scholar and former Research Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, revealed concerning Mr. Hawkins on March 22, 1958: 13

"I cannot take the time necessary to recite all of Mr. Hawkins' Communist activities and connections. A few must suffice to indicate the seriousness of the many.

Mr. Hawkins sponsored the Communist Party's Jefferson School of Social Science. He has served as a member of the New York State executive committee of the Communist-controlled American Labor Party and was the ALP's candidate for a seat in the New York State Assembly in 1948. He sponsored the notorious Waldorf Astoria Conference of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions which even the State Department branded as 'an instrument of Soviet propaganda.' He signed the brief amici curiae which was sub-

13. "Communism In The Churches," by Dr. J. B. Matthews, March 22, 1958 reprint by Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois.

mitted to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the Communist clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. William Howard Melish. He supported a unit of the Communist apparatus known as the Negro Leaders' Defense of the Communist Party. He is currently a member of the executive committee of the Communist-front organization which calls itself the Religious Freedom Committee."

A more complete and up-to-date report on Dr. Hawkins, published in July, 1964, by Dr. J. B. Matthews entitled "The Immoderate Moderator" may be obtained from the Church League of America.

EXTENT OF INFLUENCE

In his lead article, "Communist Infiltration In Religion," in the September 1963 issue of "Through To Victory," Reverend Paul C. Neipp, the editor, writes: "Circuit Riders, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, has published a compilation of public records listing the names of 2109 Methodist ministers, 1411 Protestant Episcopal rectors, and 614 Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. clergymen who have at one time or another been associated with activities which have benefitted the Communists, or supported causes actively advocated by the Communists. The three church denominations mentioned above are among the 34 member organizations of the NCC."

Rev. Neipp also reports that according to Dr. J. B. Matthews, the Gallup Poll in 1951 made a nationwide canvass of the radical views of clergymen. "According to this Gallup Poll, 88% of the clergy expressed the view that 'it is impossible to be a good Christian and a member of the Communist Party.'"

"Dr. Matthews then asked the question: 'What about the 12 % or 30,000, of the Protestant clergy who were either unable, or refused to affirm the complete irreconcilability of Christianity on the one hand, and the Communist conspiracy on the other hand?'"

And Dr. Matthews continued: 'I confess that I find something alarming in the situation that finds 30,000 confused Protestant clergymen ministering to the minds and morals of the more than 6 1/2 million members of their congregations.'"

In July, 1953, testifying before the House

Committee on Un-American Activities, Manning Johnson, a former member of the Communist Party, stated:

"It is an axiom in Communist organization strategy that if an infiltrated body has 1% Communist Party members and 9% Communist Party sympathizers, with well-rehearsed plans of action, they can effectively control the remaining 90% who act and think on an individual basis. In the large sections of the religious field, due to the ideological poison which has been filtered in by Communists and pro-Communists through the seminaries, the backlog of sympathizers and mental prisoners of socialistic ideology is greater than the 10% necessary for effective control."

We do not wish to imply that every clergyman of churches belonging to the various councils of churches is a Communist sympathizer or even soft on Communism. But the leadership of these councils of churches has been so completely dominated by Communist frontiers that many of the announced objectives of the NCC coincide perfectly with the objectives of the Communist party. Let us mention a few of these: 14

1. Peaceful Co-existence, which means that the Capitalist countries do nothing while the Communists prepare for their destruction and overthrow.
2. Disarmament, for which our government also has fallen hook, line, and sinker.
3. Ban nuclear testing.
4. Abolish Loyalty-Security Laws.
5. Abolish Loyalty Oaths.
6. Abolish all investigative Committees on Communism.
7. Increase foreign aid to communist countries.
8. Recognition of Red China by the U.S. and her admission into the U.N.
9. Join political and labor movements.
10. Discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI.
11. Destruction of Immigration and Passport laws.
12. Clemency for convicted spies.
13. Smear effective anti-Communists.
14. Reconstruct religion on the basis of Scientific Materialism.

That these objectives have been followed is evidenced by the resolutions

14. Ibid, p. 3

passed by the NCC since 1951. Some of these are: 15

March 17, 1954 - By a vote of 90-2, "pronouncement" by the NCC General Board, attacking the Congressional Committees investigating communism, and calling for their dissolution, with the establishment of one general committee.

1956 - From The Religious Weekly, June 12: "The General Board of the NCC has urged Christians to be guided by official pronouncements of their churches when they vote in the national elections next fall."

1956 - December meeting of the General Board of Los Angeles approved the letter sent by the Council's President, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, to President Eisenhower, in which it was said that the "General Board welcomed the increasing appreciation of the United Nations in our country and abroad for its effective use of morals as an operating force in a world where war has become an anachronism."

1957 - NCC Triennial general assembly at St. Louis: Dr. Eugene Carson Blake proposed a visit to the churches of Red China by a team from the NCC, similar to the deputation that went to the USSR. "The Council conceived one of its functions to be that of serving as the representative conscience of the churches in relation to crucial developments in the political, economic and social order affecting the life of the churches and the well-being of humanity. It has been referred to as the council's 'prophetic role.'"

RESOLUTION stated that "efforts must be redoubled" to achieve world-wide disarmament through the United Nations.

RESOLUTION on the nuclear-space age, which calls for work for peace, disarmament, within a U.N. framework.

RESOLUTION which said that "racial segregation is contradictory to the teachings of Jesus."

1959 - The March 19th Christian Beacon reported, "The National Council of Churches, on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1959, urged Congress to strike out the loyalty oath provision in the 1958 National Defense Education Act . . . The Council said that the American system of Gov-

15. "Political and Economic Resolutions and Pronouncements Passed by the NCC since 1951" published by The Church League of America.

ernment rests on "trust in the integrity and loyalty of its free, uncoerced citizens . . . "Our commitment to God whose service is perfect freedom, a commitment solemnly expressed in the Declaration of Independence" are their stated reasons for this resolution.

1958 - The NCC's World Order Study Conference, described by Herbert Philbrick as 'Moscow's Mouthpiece,' in a 5000 word document, "Message to the Church," urged that Communist China be granted diplomatic recognition by the United States and admitted to the UN.

Called for "stronger efforts to be made to break through the present stalemate and to find ways of living with the Communist nations. Sometimes this is called 'co-existence' but we are concerned with something more than the minimum meaning of the word. Our relationship with the Communist nations should combine competition between ways of life with co-operation for limited objectives, our resistance to Communist expansion goes with recognition of the fact that the Communist nations, as nations, have their own legitimate interests and their own reasonable fears. We should avoid the posture of general hostility to them and cease the practice of continual moral lectures to them by our leaders."

1960 - From the Dec. 18th Tulsa Sunday World: Report of a resolution adopted

1960 - On Dec. 11, the Charleston, S.C. "News & Courier" reported: "The NCC report of Cuba, based on finding by Dr. Howard W. Yoder, of New York, declared that 'social revolution was long overdue in Cuba'. The fact that Castro took over the land without paying for it, that he is hostile to American capital, does not make him a communist."

1960 - From the Dec. 18th Tulsa Sunday World: Report of a resolution adopted by the NCC at San Francisco:

"We believe citizens should prepare themselves for such eventuality. ("The U.S. may soon have to subordinate its will to that of the U.N. Citizens must be prepared to take it"-AP report). It would not then be an undue shock to public opinion, since people would have a more mature view, be better able to interpret democracy at work on a world scale with the benefit as well as the risk that the extension of democracy always entails."

These are just a few of the NCC resolutions promoting, defending and espousing Communist propaganda and Communist objectives and activities. More recently it has been active and outspoken in support of integration, civil rights demonstrations and the march on Washington. In conclusion we may summarize by saying that the NCC is itself a Communist front organization since it meets all 14 tests of a Communist front organization. Let us see how the NCC fulfills these tests as outlined by J. Edgar Hoover: 16

1. Does the group espouse the cause of Americanism or the cause of Soviet Russia? The cause of Soviet Russia.

2. Does the organization feature as speakers at its meetings known Communists, sympathizers or fellow-travelers? Yes.

3. Does the organization shift when the party line shifts? Yes.

4. Does the organization sponsor causes campaigns, literature, petitions, or other activities sponsored by the party or other front organizations? Yes.

5. Is the organization used as a sounding board by or is it endorsed by Communist controlled labor unions? Yes.

6. Does its literature follow the Communist line or is it printed by the Communist press? Yes.

7. Does the organization receive consistent favorable mention in Communist publications? Yes.

8. Does the organization represent itself to be nonpartisan yet engage in political activities and consistently advocate causes favored by the Communists. Yes.

9. Does the organization denounce American and British foreign policy while always lauding Soviet policy? Yes.

10. Does the organization utilize Communist "double talk" by referring to Soviet-dominated countries as democracies, complaining that the U.S. is imperialistic and constantly denouncing monopoly capital? Yes.

11. Have outstanding leaders in public life openly renounced affiliation with the organization? Yes.

16. "Menace of Communism" - pg.10, Statement of J. Edgar Hoover before House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947, published by U.S. Govt. Printing Office.

12. Does the organization, if espousing liberal progressive causes, attract well-known honest patriotic liberals, or does it denounce well-known liberals? It denounces well-known patriotic liberals.

13. Does the organization have a consistent record of supporting the American viewpoint over the years? No.

14. Does the organization consider matters not directly related to its avowed purposes and objectives? Yes.

PART II

Let us not study briefly the underlying reasons for the Judas betrayal of the Christian Church by its leaders to anti-Christian Communism. The question is asked, "Is not Christianity the very opposite of atheistic Communism and are not the churches the strongest bulwark we have against Communism? How could a minister of the Gospel be a Communist, or a sympathizer with Communism?"

"The answer lies in the question itself," as Edgar C. Bundy says. 17 "A minister of The Gospel could not, of course, be a Communist nor a sympathizer with Communism. Neither could a TRUE Christian church support Communism in any way.

"But, men have stolen words out of their Biblical and dictionary settings and have given them perverted meanings, and have dressed them up with new terminology. This is the great deception of the 20th century, prophesied by our blessed Lord and writers of the Holy Scripture.

"The Gospel, as defined by Scripture and believed by true, born again Christians, is not the same "gospel" as used and defined by the Modernist. His is "another gospel" of which we are to beware. His is a Christless, blood-less, life-less perversion which is commonly known as the Social gospel, which puts the emphasis on the material, the temporal, the stomach. His "church" is a conglomeration of anything from a building which opens its doors to jazz bands for a so-called "communion service," to a meeting place for subversive political discussions and gambling parties.

17. "Christ or Communism," Article in "Through To Victory," Vol. III, No. 3 - March, 1963 by Edgar D. Bundy

"Oftentimes it is a center for the condemnation of the inspiration of the Scriptures and unlimited attacks on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Much of the Communist, socialist, statist, and world-government ideological contamination of the churches is traceable to this social gospel which became a vogue in many theological seminaries a generation ago. There were voices raised then, also in Lutheran circles, warning us of the connection between socialism and Modernism but apparently they were too few and too quickly ignored.

The starting point on the road to socialism and Communism with all Christian ministers has been acceptance of the idea of the social gospels that the Christian Church must function as "the conscience of society" in social and even political matters.

"The social gospel is little more than a modern version of the ancient heresy of Pelagius who countered St. Augustine's doctrine of original sin with a much more optimistic view of human nature. The social gospels generally, Niebuhr excepted, have found the intellectual climate of Pelagius and Rousseau more congenial to their thinking than that of St. Augustine. The result has been that many Protestant churches have come to have the atmosphere of a personality beauty parlor, whither men may repair to have their egos massaged. The soteriology of Christianity has been diluted into the social workers' prescription of vitamin pills, interior decorating and smart haberdashery as the cure for sin. The resemblance of this prescription for human salvation to that of the Marxist propagandists is obvious." 18

"A good insight into Karl Marx's views on religion can be obtained from an article entitled, 'Spirituality and Marx,' by one David Easton, appearing in 'The Protestant,' designated by the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist magazine. Mr. Easton points out what many Christian people have been unaware of for too long a time. He shows that Marx was not against religion per se but rather only opposed to a certain kind of religion. Mr. Easton

points out that Marx's views on religion will never be understood if we stop with the phrase, 'religion is the opiate of the people.' This does not represent Marx's total viewpoint. He says that Marx set forth his opinions in letters to friends in which he expressed opposition to those forms of religion which 'belittle man and discount his ideal aims.' Easton says that in one of Marx's letters he wrote 'bitterly that after the Greeks the essential dignity of man disappeared from the world. Historical Christianity too much emphasized man's worthlessness and the vanity of any effort to change his present estate.'

"Easton then brings out the most important fact of all, and one which gives us the key to why Communist subversion can infiltrate modernist religious institutions so easily. He writes, 'It is clear that Marx's attack on religion is primarily an attack on supernaturalism or other worldliness which is indifferent to human needs and development. His views are quite in harmony with humanistic and naturalistic philosophies of religion. In this respect, as well as others, Marxism and a liberal religious faith are as one.'

"Here we have it straight from one of the Communist conspiracy's own propagandists and publications: Marx had no use for supernatural, historical, Biblical Christianity. He did not believe that man was a sinner, lost, undone, totally depraved, incapable of saving himself and the world. He did not believe that supernatural help was needed from another world (heaven) to intervene in the affairs of men and provide a way of salvation for man. He was for a liberal religious materialism. He believed that man was quite capable of saving himself and of re-making the world.

"If this sounds similar to modernistic Protestant theology, better known as the Social Gospel, then you may be assured that the basis of Communism and Modernism are one and the same, a humanistic, materialistic, interpretation of life, to the exclusion of the supernatural, divine plan of God Almighty for the universe, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

"For too long a time the average church-goer, unlearned in the tenets of Communism and of theology has had the idea that world Communism is a political movement. Modernistic preachers and the theologians capitalize on this ignorance of their communicants. They feel free to promulgate the doctrines of materialism under the guise of Christianity which is not Christianity at all. Christianity merely becomes the mask or front for their seditious theology and subversive affiliations with the Communist conspiracy." 19

There are two kinds of collaborators with Communism among the clergy: 1) Those who know exactly what they are doing and 2) Those who are gullible and have unwittingly been duped into spreading Communist propaganda or supporting Communist front organizations. This latter group is by far the larger of the two. Many of those who are unwittingly duped into lending their names to the support of a Communist front are not willing to admit their mistake and consequently protest against the activities of anti-Communists who expose Communist fronts for what they are. Thus they join the ranks of the anti anti-Communists. It is one of the prime objectives of the Communist Party in this country to develop a large core of resistance to all anti-Communist activity in this way.

In the June, 1963 issue of "Through To Victory," Rev. Paul Neipp explains in his editor's column how the Communists go about to trick people into carrying out their pro-Communist schemes without the victims being aware of it. 20

He writes, "For their deceptive purposes, educators, clergymen and doctors are easily manipulated because they so often are genuine humanitarians. The humanitarian is asked to supply a list of conservative people who might be asked to serve as sponsors for the 'noble' cause. Then the machinery is set into motion. Telephone calls are made, prospective members are visited, handbills are distributed, write-ups are put in the press and a mass meeting is held where

pro-Communist speakers, unknown to be such by the audience, make eloquent pleas for disarmament or peace, bringing out how much the Russian people want peace and how foolish it is for us Americans to be afraid of these peace-loving people.

"The audience is impressed, converts are made to the cause. The real issues are never brought to the front, and in spite of subsequent evidence that the whole movement was a Communist front organization, that is, an organization to deliberately deceive its members, the one who has been duped into joining or signing petitions is often too proud to admit that he was suckered in and will by means of all sorts of sophistries try to justify his actions." In most cases, another person has been added to the ranks of the anti anti-Communists. It was undoubtedly by some such deceptive manner that two of our own pastors became signers of Communist front petitions. 21

Most, if not all, of us pastors undoubtedly recently (1963) received propaganda in the mail asking us to support condemnation of actions by the Vietnamese government against Buddhist monks. This propaganda appealed to our natural dislike of any persecution or discrimination on religious grounds. I myself was tempted to sign it, I must admit. But, after a few moments reflection, I decided that it would be most unwise to sign anything of this nature without hearing the other side of the story first. I then looked at the list of signatories sponsoring this petition and immediately recognized some of the names as leading NCC clergymen with long Communist front records. Since Madame Nhu has come to this country, we have heard the other side of the story, namely, that the only Buddhists against whom the Saigon government has taken action are those suspected of being Communist infiltrators of the Buddhist priesthood. Since the Communists have been so successful in infiltrating the Christian ministry in the U.S., it would not seem strange that they have successfully infiltrated the priesthood of a heathen religion. Furthermore, the frenzied attacks on Madame Nhu by every left wing organization, including

19. Op. Cit. No. 16, pgs. 4 & 4

20. "Through To Victory," Vol. III, No. 6, June, 1963, Editorial "Calling All Ministers."

21. "Certain Activities and Affiliations of 181 Lutheran Clergymen," by J.B. Matthews, published by Church League of America, April, 1963, pgs. 29 & 30.

leaders of the NCC, from the moment it was announced she would visit the U.S. to the day she left our shores has given credence to my original suspicion that the resolution of censure against the Saigon government was nothing but Communist inspired propaganda.

To sum up, the two main reasons for the betrayal of the Christian Church to Communism are the espousal of the social gospel with concomitant philosophy of existentialism or neo-orthodoxy and the opposition to anti-Communists by those who have unwittingly been duped into support of Communist front activities.

PART III

The third objective of this paper was to determine what we as individual Christians and as Lutheran pastors can and should do about the threat of Communism, and particularly the threat of Communist infiltration of our own Lutheran Church.

Most of us would answer immediately, "Preach the Gospel and teach the whole counsel of God in its truth and purity." There is no question about the necessity of doing this. There is also no question that the preaching of the Gospel is the only means by which society and the individual members thereof can be regenerated, sanctified, and built up in our holy Christian faith.

But is this all we can and should do? The answer must clearly be, "No, there is much more that we can do." Christ not only preached the truth in a positive way but forcefully and repeatedly warned against false teachings and false teachers. He told us what falsehoods would be taught and were being taught already at His time and then in unmistakable language identified the "snakes and vipers."

This last Spring the Church League of America published a book entitled, "Certain Activities and Affiliations of 181 Lutheran Clergymen." The reader should carefully guard against the assumption that all of these 181 pastors are Communists or Communist sympathizers. But the fact that 181 Lutheran clergymen have been involved in subversive or highly questionable activities and affiliations emphasizes the truth of Rev. Neipp's observation, "We can never defeat Communism by preaching the Word of God AND AT THE SAME TIME SPONSOR

COMMUNIST CAUSES. That is why we must do the one and not let the other undone! We must preach the Word of God and also actively fight against Communism." 22

"This requires knowledge," writes Rev. Neipp. "And knowledge is obtained by study - not study of the books of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, but the study of books written by men and women who have lived under the total terror of Communist slavery and degradation.

"Study Marx and you get a wholly false picture of Communism - a picture of a heaven on earth - a bait to trap the uninformed; study John Noble's "I Was A Slave in Russia" or "Total Terror" by Albert Kalme, and you get a picture of the hell on earth that only madmen with criminal minds could produce.

"If the 15,000 Lutheran pastors throughout the United States would take up the fight against Communism in EARNEST, the Lutheran Church alone could start a movement in our land that would become contagious - spreading first to other conservative church bodies and then to the middle-of-the roaders and finally perhaps even affecting some liberal churches. A movement such as this, dear Brother in the Holy Ministry, begins with YOU." I personally subscribe wholeheartedly to this statement of Pastor Neipp.

This knowledge must first of all be a thorough understanding of the philosophy of dialectical materialism together with the announced aims and objectives of the Communist International or Comintern. The best materials available on this subject are written by Dr. Fred Schwartz, head of Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and may be obtained by writing the CACC. It would be well for every pastor to try to organize a study group on Communism, using the materials and following the suggestions of the CACC. The tapes and films available are excellent. It is not necessary to have a large group but there should be enough participating so that the cost of tapes and films is not prohibitive.

Secondly, we should keep informed and abreast of Communist propaganda as it relates to current world events so that we ourselves are not taken in by such propaganda. The best way to do this is to subscribe to a reliable periodical such as

22. Op. Cit. No. 19

"News and Views", "Human Events", "Through To Victory", or The Christian Anti-Communism Crusade Newsletter.

When we ourselves are well-informed, it is incumbent upon us to convey the information to others. We could start in our own schools. When are we Lutherans going to get busy and get into the fight against the greatest evil of our time, atheistic Communism? We need programs of action. The Communists are capturing the minds of our students with their lies and half-truths. Gus Hall boasts that 65 % of the new recruits for the Communist Party in 1963 came from the university and college campuses. Today for every one child in the world who is learning about Jesus Christ, five children are being thoroughly indoctrinated in communism. What are we Lutherans doing?

We have over 150,000 children enrolled in our own parochial schools and over 10,000 in our high schools. How many of them are being taught the evils of Communism and how to combat it? None to my knowledge.

In the Dallas, Texas area, the public high schools are using W. Cleon Skousen's, "The Naked Communist" as a textbook, together with Dr. Fred Schwartz's, "You Can Trust The Communists" (to be Communists) and some House Committee on Un-American Activities reports.

The Cleveland Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church is presenting a course of study on Communism as part of the religious instruction in Grades 8 and 12. A positive program of instruction to alert pupils against the growing menace of Communism has been recommended by the Los Angeles Board of Education. But what are we Lutherans doing? In a time like this we either fight against the foe or we help him with our "Let the other guy do it" attitude. Where we do not have Christian Day Schools and high schools, we can use our influence to introduce such courses in the public schools in our community.

Some of our pastors will object saying that pastors who actively fight Communism are dabbling in politics, the forbidden area to any true minister of the Gospel. But if we say this, we show that we are either ignorant of the true nature of Communism or that we have already swallowed the Communist Party line that Communism

is just another political system and that therefore the Communist Party should have all the rights and privileges of any other political party in this country.

Communism is not just another political, albeit an evil political system. It is much more than that. It is an international criminal conspiracy based on atheism, materialism, and economic determination organized into a Party on totalitarian principles, and dedicated to the use of all illegal and immoral means to achieve its goal of world conquest. Communists are indeed "masters of deceit." Deceit is as much of the essence of Communism as truth is of the essence of Christianity. Communism has its roots in hatred of Christ. Lunarcharski, one time Commissar of Soviet Education, said: "We hate Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. All religions are poison and a fight to the death must be declared upon them. Our task is to destroy all kinds of religion and morality." Communism is first and foremost the sworn enemy of the Christian faith engaged in a fight to the death. Fighting Communism is opposing an evil, anti-Christian religion, not dabbling in politics. This fact is clearly recognized by those who have seen the inner workings of the Communist conspiracy.

The Lord makes the preaching and teaching against falsehood and ungodliness a matter of conscience, not a matter of convenience. Opposing and warning against communism is an obligation, not an option. God warns us in these words of Ezek. 3: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the Word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me." Isaiah records the Lord's scathing indictment of prophets who would not warn the people, "His watchmen are blind, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." Faithful watchmen, pastors and teachers, must recognize the divine obligation to warn against the evil, soul-destroying, atheistic religion of communism. Our Lord Jesus warns us, "Take heed that no man deceive you." St. Paul warns us that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies

in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." The apostle John also urges us to "try the spirits whether they are of God." Dr. C.F.W. Walther in 1879 warned against the evil of communism. He said, "Let every Christian take warning against the communists." And how shall our Christians take warning against communism if we pastors do not study it and teach them when they are bombarded with Communist propaganda through every medium of communication. Let us not be dumb and sleeping dogs on this subject lest some day those who have been entrusted to our spiritual care may justly complain, "Why didn't our pastor warn us if he knew the truth? How could he let us remain ignorant?"

Let us then see to it that we ourselves are properly informed of the true nature of communism and then pass this information on to others. Let us insist that every one of our high schools and colleges initiate a course of instruction on communism and make the course compulsory. Let us have more papers on the nature and threat of Communism at our pastoral and delegate conferences. Let us invite the true experts on the subject to speak to us, if not in person, then on the excellent prepared tapes and through the medium of motion pictures. If we wish God to spare us from Communist enslavement, then we must be willing to do something about warning our people of the dangers which threaten.

But there is much that the layman in the pew can do, too. I am convinced that if all the church-going people in America knew what was going on in the councils of churches, they would not stand for it for a minute but would insist that their congregations disassociate themselves from the NCC. Thus the church bodies or denominations as a whole would eventually have to pull out of the NCC. To ask that the NCC, as presently constituted and directed, refrain from its Communist-fronting activities would be like asking a leopard to change its spots. I am sure that all laymen who study the charges and statements made in this paper will become convinced that any such effort would be an exercise in futility.

The first thing pastors and laymen should do is subscribe to one or more of

the following publications which will keep them informed as to what is going on in the churches:

"News and Views", published monthly by the National Layman's Council of the Church League of America, 422 N. Prospect St., Wheaton, Ill. \$5.00 per year.

"Through to Victory", published monthly, \$2.00 per year. Address all correspondence to the editor, Rev. Paul C. Neipp, 731 N. Sanders Ave., Ridgecrest, Calif.

"The Christian Anti-Communist Crusade Newsletter", P.O. Box 890, Long Beach, Calif., 90801. Fred C. Schwarz, M.D., Editor.

"Heads Up", monthly magazine edited by Karl Prussion, undercover FBI agent for 13 years. \$3.00 per year. Order from: Heads Up, P.O. Box 6519, San Diego, Calif.

The second thing laymen should do is form a study committee within their congregation to investigate charges against the NCC. After the study is completed, this committee should report back to the congregation with formal recommendations or resolutions regarding the NCC and membership therein. The greatest single source of information and primary source materials is The Church League of America. Simply write them announcing your intentions to investigate the NCC and ask for pertinent materials. Also state your denomination as this will help them to select materials of particular interest to you and your church body. Church League has produced many special reports on individuals, organizations and church bodies.

Of interest to all Protestants will be: "The St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Committee's Report on the NCC". This may be ordered directly from: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 908 Rutherford St., Shreveport, La., at 50¢ per copy.

For a more complete list of informational materials on the NCC and WCC from various sources, order the May, 1962, issue of "Through To Victory", address given above.

Finally, several books that every minister and every layman who are concerned about preserving the truth should read are: "COLLECTIVISM IN THE CHURCHES" by Edgar C. Bundy. Fully documented, 354 pages. Indexed. Hard-cover edition, \$5, paperback only \$2.20. Order from The Church League of America.

"SERVANTS OF APOSTASY" by Dr. Carl McIntire. Cloth bound \$4.00, paper bound \$3. Order from Christian Beacon Press, Collingswood, New Jersey.

LET'S TAKE THE OFFENSIVE by Rev. Paul C. Neipp, address above. \$1.00
WIN NOW OR LOSE ALL by Rev. Paul C. Neipp, Price for 1-9 copies, 25¢ each; 10-49 copies, 20¢ each; 50 or more copies, 15¢ each.

THE FACTS ABOUT COMMUNISM AND OUR CHURCHES by Dr. Billy James Hargis. Available at \$1.00 per copy from Christian Crusade, P.O. Box 977, Tulsa 2, Oklahoma.

THE RECORD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, \$3.00 from Church League of America, Wheaton, Ill.

In conclusion, let it be said that by the grace of God a tremendous awakening has begun in the Protestant churches which I can only pray will sweep the country. Many churches are studying and protesting the activities of the NCC; others are requesting their denominations to withdraw from the NCC; still others have gone ahead and separated from their denominations or synod in order to be disaffiliated with the NCC. For "the only 'members' of the NCC are the 31 constituent denominations. The relationship of an individual to the Council is through his denomination. There is no way in which a church can be affiliated to the Council except through its denomination, and no way it can be disaffiliated except by leaving that denomination." 23

One denomination has withdrawn from the NCC. It is the "Unity of the Brethren" denomination, established by Czech and Moravian immigrants in Texas in 1855. 24

Among the churches that have withdrawn from their denomination or synod in order to be disaffiliated with the NCC are the following:

The First Baptist Church (6,000 members), Wichita, Kansas.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (formerly TALC), Columbus, Ohio.

The First Baptist Church, Burbank, California.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Shreveport, La., largest in the diocese.

Churches which have voted to cut off funds from the NCC include:

Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, Toano, Virginia.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Ortega Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Swaim Memorial Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Churches which have asked their denomination to withdraw from the NCC or have issued stern protests against the activities and pronouncements of the NCC include:

All Saints Episcopal Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Tempe, Arizona.

The First Baptist Church of San Francisco, Calif.

The First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif. with over 9,000 members, largest in the denomination.

Malibu Community Presbyterian Church Malibu, Calif.

Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church, Georgia.

Asbury Methodist Church, Charleston, So. Carolina.

St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tenn.

The Episcopal Church of Messiah, Santa Ana, Calif.

Among the Lutheran synods that do not belong to any of the Lutheran, National, or World Councils of Churches are notably the following:

The Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod (WELS)

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)

The Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (LCR)

Details concerning the above churches and their actions can be had by ordering "The Record of the National Council of Churches" from the Church League of America, Wheaton, Ill.

Additional copies of this essay may be ordered at 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 from: Rev. L. E. Lillegard, 212 E. Second St., Wabasha Minnesota 55981.

23. "The Record of The National Council of Churches, p. 14, Published by The Church League of America.

24. "Lutheran News" - June 15, 1964 - p. 12

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[Redacted Address]

Independence, Missouri 64050

Dear [Redacted Name]

I received your letter of January 14th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to furnish you the data you have requested. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

Should you feel as though you have any material of interest to the FBI, it is suggested that you communicate with representatives of our office located at 707 U. S. Court House Building, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, and make it available to them.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent, [redacted] and the Agents he allegedly named are not identifiable in Bufiles. He is concerned with the infiltration of communism in his church and feels that [redacted] is a "ringleader" of this movement.

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January 14, 1966

[REDACTED]
Independence, Missouri 64050

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you because I need the help of the FBI to dethrone
a Communist promoter.

I am not asking for a violation of rules or security. However, if
the FBI can help, we can strike an effective blow against the
Communist Party.

William D. Russell is the editor of the PRIESTHOOD AND LEADERS
JOURNAL (a monthly church publication) at the Herald Publishing Co.,
Independence, Missouri. This publishing company is associated with
the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the
church of which I am a member.

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[REDACTED] has promoted communistic ideas in the church publications.
I recently heard him preach a sermon in which he advocated the over-
throw of the United States Government. The communistic ideas that he
presented was covered up by double talk. Yet, such a talk advances the
communist subversion. On every occasion when he has expressed his
viewpoint, either in publication or in speech, he has supported the
communist viewpoint. Never has he disagreed with the communist line.

He has attacked men such as Karl Prussion, called Kenneth Goff a liar
and upheld men such as Walter Reuther, Martin Luther King as great
men.

[REDACTED] was the one who brought Congress of Racial Equality
(CORE) into Independence, Missouri.

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CORRESPONDENCE

January 14, 1966
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. D.

In the June, 1965 issue of STRIDE, the Church Youth Publication, carries an article on Racial Discrimination by William Russell. About one-half of the article is portraying "Police Brutality" which includes "violence by officers as a means of punishments" and "use of violence and torture to induce a confession".

In order to have him removed from this position, we must have a strong case against him.

The help I need from the FBI is this:

1. If you already have anything on [redacted] that you can tell me about, I would appreciate this information.
2. The FBI can get information that I cannot obtain. I would appreciate you having an agent to ask questions from certain people that it would be impossible for me to obtain information. Then the FBI could tell me whatever information they would like.

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What I need is just enough information to present in a report to the church on [redacted] that will indicate that my statements are more than my imagination.

In the report to the church I will not charge [redacted] with being a communist because I can not prove this. I will charge that he is using his position as editor to promote communism propaganda throughout the church and using his priesthood to promote communist propaganda. I will recommend that he be removed from his job at the publishing house and his priesthood rights be taken from him.

The FBI may be able to gain information of use to the FBI.

We need to stop the Communist Party from using our church publications for the promotion of the Communist Party.

I can provide the FBI with proof of the above statements and give more information about [redacted]

I was helpful to the FBI in the Kansas City, Missouri Office on two different occasions.

1. [redacted] Communist at Butler, Missouri.
2. Fraud of the Navajo Indians on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico.

The two agents I talked to were Chester Jones and Agent [redacted]

I would be glad to talk to your agents any time. I am usually home after 5:00 p.m. every evening.

May I take this opportunity to say Sir, you have made a great contribution to mankind and are a very dedicated man in serving your country.

Sincerely,



Independence, Missouri

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February 18, 1966

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[Redacted Address]

Whittier, California 90601

Dear [Redacted]

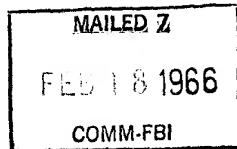
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Your letter of February 12th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the United Church of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain no derogatory information concerning the United Church of Christ. Requests have been received for Bureau speakers to appear before various congregations of this denomination, and Inspector Bernard M. Suttler spoke before the Bethel United Church of Christ in Arlington, Virginia, on 3-3-63.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D.C.

*Communist Infiltration
into Religion*

Dear Sir:

I am a member of a congregation engaged in discussion regarding merger in which the United Church of Christ is involved.

I am informed that your bureau has evidence that this United Church of Christ group is infiltrated with communists.

Please let me hear what you know about Communist infiltration in the United Church of Christ.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely

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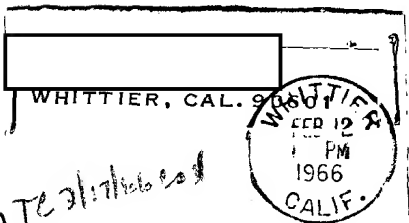
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: March 17, 1966

FROM : R. W. Smith *RSB*

SUBJECT: *COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION*
COMMUNISM AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
MASS MEDIA
RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTER

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Attached is a memorandum setting forth information of possible use in the Mass Media Program. This memorandum was prepared from public source material appearing in the "New Program of the Communist Party, USA (A Draft) 1966," and "Time," March 13, 1965.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Crime Records Division for whatever use it may deem advisable.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
- 1 - Mr. Garner
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. D. Ryan
- 1 - Miss Chamberlain
- 1 - Mass Media Folder

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THE HEAVENLY WAR

Memorandum

**Full freedom of conscience and worship
will be guaranteed in a socialist United States."**

**New Program of the Communist Party,
USA (A Draft) 1966 (117)**

**Such a promise coming from the communist press is ludicrous.
The impulsive response is "You must be kidding!"**

It takes little education and less intelligence to know that in every country conquered and dominated by communist forces religion has been, and still is, the primary target for annihilation. For almost half a century, no religious body has escaped persecution in the Soviet Union or in any satellite. Jews, Orthodox, Catholics, Protestants, Moslems, and Buddhists have been persecuted without mercy. Religious leaders have been tortured, imprisoned, and killed. Schools, the press, the lay organizations, the hospitals, charitable societies, and cultural institutions have been seized, destroyed, and supplanted. Religious holy days have been replaced by secular festivals, such as Cattle Breeder Day and Corn Grower Day. When it became apparent that religious roots were out of reach of the communist sickle, so-called Orthodox churches were set up under communist-dominated bodies subservient in all respects. "Religion is incompatible with communism by its very essence and is reactionary in all and any circumstances" states a Soviet atheistic monthly. (Time, 3-13-65, pp. 60-61; USIA, Research and Reference Service, 2-20-62)

But, with all of the drastic efforts to wipe it out, religion has proved to be indestructible. After 49 years, the "main target of socialism" remains "that of freeing man from religion," according to the December, 1965, issue of the Soviet publication "Kommunist."

Communist promises of freedom of conscience and worship have no more substance than the wind.

NOTE: See Memorandum dated 3-17-66, R. W. Smith to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, re COMMUNISM AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, MASS MEDIA, RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTER, MC:cr.

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Shenandoah, Pennsylvania 17876

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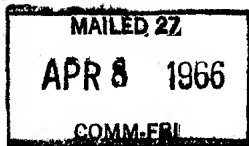
Your letter of April 5th, with enclosures, has been received, and I appreciate the thought prompting you to furnish this material to the FBI.

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Enclosed is some literature I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

"The Faith of Free Men"
Turbulence on the Campus

1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (2)

Attention SAC: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent and no identifiable information pertaining to [Redacted]

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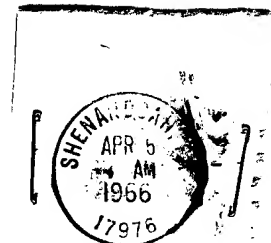
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Gentlemen

Enclosed find a news cut from the Philadelphia Pa
Inquirer. Punch in F & M Student Protest.

This piece prompts me to send a Church Bulletin of
the Trinity Reformed Church of Shenandoah Pa it is now called The
United Church of Christ I believe. The one who drew the picture on
this Bulletin, Healing the Blind its a terrible outrageous picture The
Pastor [Redacted] denounce this picture, I and
my Wife are members of this Church there was a protest letter sent
to the Publication Board of the Bulletin, Philadelphia. I am
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Way back in the early 1930s we had a rabid pacifist Pastor
in the Reformed Church here in Shenandoah whom I heard in a church the
same Church as the Bulletin enclosed, in a sermon by the [Redacted]
talk about the U. S Government buying 4 ft. monkey wrenches. Making fun
of it. there is nothing funny about 4 foot wrenches I know of wrenches that
long. he even knock the US. Navy and army. he lived at Hanover Pa The
letter sent to The Publication Board of the United Church of Christ had many
names signed, including my Wife and I.

I let the [Redacted] know. I was opposed to such talk in
our Church.

I am a member of the American Legion here I feel it my duty
to send the Bulletin and the Inquirer News cut. I believe there is a
communist front or organization near or in Lancaster Pa

Respectfully

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[Redacted]

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Fists, Cyclists Put 'Punch' In F & M Student Protest

Special to The Inquirer

LANCASTER, Pa., April 3. — A Franklin and Marshall College mathematics professor learned early Sunday at a pacifist demonstration that the shortest distance between two points can be a right to the nose.

This was one of the incidents harrying a two-day "fast and vigil" by Franklin and Marshall students, which began at 11 A. M. Saturday in front of Selective Service headquarters here.

Nine persons, including a girl, began the demonstration, sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society, in protest against the draft and the Vietnam war.

The number had increased to 12 by Sunday morning.

They carried signs proclaiming, "Unjust Draft for an Unjust War" and "Fast and Vigil for Peace in Vietnam."

The original nine brought sleeping bags, blankets and orange juice, intending to remain on post until after sundown Sunday, sleeping on the steps of Selective Service headquarters, 20 S. Duke st.

But sleep didn't come easily.

The first interruption was at 10:30 P. M. when two motorcyclists drove onto the sidewalk, one coming within inches of Neil M. Sheneberger, 18, secretary of the society and a leader of the demonstration.

"You thought you had it that time, didn't you?" asked the cyclist after suddenly slamming on his brakes. He then got off and punched Sheneberger who was treated for face bruises at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, Sheneberger didn't press charges.

Daniel W. Bailey, another demonstrator, said one of the

cyclists ran into his left leg, and a third, Samuel Guttelman, said one ran over his right foot. Neither was reported injured.

The cyclists returned at 1:30 A. M., but this time police were on hand and they were taken into custody.

They were identified as Robert E. Hatton, 32, of Ranck ave., and George H. Herchelroth, 26, of W. James st., both Lancaster.

Police released them after questioning, but said the pair would face traffic charges.

At 3:43 A. M. Charles A. Haynie, the mathematics professor and a pacifist, said he was punched in the nose and preferred assault and battery charges against Michael E. Klos, 21, of Manheim pike, Lancaster, before Alderman Peter Schweich.

Schweich released Klos on his own recognizance for a Wednesday night hearing. The alderman said Klos claimed he was pushed by Haynie before striking the professor who joined the demonstration after it was under way.

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THE CHURCH

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Joseph R. Stoudt, Pastor
Mrs. Harry W. Stetler, Organist
Anna L. Holderman, Choir Directress

ORDER OF SERVICE FEB. 20, 1966

Prelude

*Processional Hymn ----- 24

*Solemn Declaration - Response

*Introit - Gloria Patri

*Confession, Kyrie, Pardon

*Gloria in Excelsis - Collect

Anthem

Scripture

*Response

*Apostle's Creed

*Versicle, Prayer, Response

Hymn ----- 230

Sermon

Offering

*Response, Dedication, Prayer

*Doxology

*Benediction - Three-Fold Amen

*Recessional Hymn ----- 32

*Meditation

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers in the altar vases today
are presented by Mrs. Alfred Jones.

Wednesday, February 23rd. marks
the beginning of Lent. Beginning with
Ash Wednesday, a service will be held
each Wednesday evening during Lent.
The services will begin at 7:30 P.M.

THE HUMAN TOUCH

'Tis the human touch in this world
that counts,

The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting
heart

Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is
o'er

And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand, the sound
of the voice
Sing on in the soul alway.



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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 20, 1966

Luke 18:31-43

About the cover: When Jesus healed a blind man people praised God because they saw in even that one act the hand of God delivering a man from a human plight. The rescue of man in all areas of his existence and experience was the intention of Jesus in all that he did. Lives broken or disabled, physically or spiritually, yield to deliverance where our hands serve as his instruments and our intentions and interests are in accord with those of our Lord. When deliverance takes place, unto God be the glory.

OUR OBLIGATION AND PRIVILEGE

Quinquagesima is the Latin word for fiftieth: it is exactly fifty days to Easter. Lent, which begins this week on Ash Wednesday, reminds us of our perpetual obligation and privilege of communion with God. Three observances will help us to see the intimate relationship between prayer and Lent.

Today is the *Universal Day of Prayer for Students*, an observance sponsored by the World and National Student Christian Federations. We remember in prayer all students in colleges and universities in every land and those who are teaching them, that their learning and their service may be invested for the good of all mankind.

United Church Women of 30 Protestant denominations participating in the National Council of Churches will observe their annual *World Day of Prayer* on Friday of this week. The observance will utilize a service prepared by a group in Scotland which includes intercessory prayers based on petitions sent in by women from many parts of the world. A special offering will go for strengthening centers for training of the laity for mission in other countries, for Christian colleges overseas, and for ministry to migrant farm workers in the USA and to Indian Americans.

In the United Church of Christ over one-half million members will be using *The Fellowship of Prayer*, a booklet of meditations and prayers for daily use during Lent. The meditations are supplemented by pertinent quotations that help relate the sacred to the secular. The booklet is issued annually by the Board for Homeland Ministries Division of Evangelism.

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